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مجموعة رسائل من المقيمية البريطانية في بوشهر بين ١٧٧٨ و١٧٨٧. معظم الرسائل من مسؤولي شركة الهند الشرقية في البصرة وبومباي. وبعض الرسائل مرسلة أيضاً إلى عدد من قباطنة السفن وعدد قليل منها مرسل إلى حكام محليين. تشمل الرسائل مجموعة من المواضيع بما في ذلك التجارة، القضايا المالية والإدارية، التطورات السياسية في بلاد فارس (لاسيما عقب موت كريم خان في ١٧٧٩)، الأعمال العدائية مع الفرنسيين في الهند، والصراعات الإقليمية التي شارك فيها التحالف القبلي لبني كعب وقوى محلية أخرى.



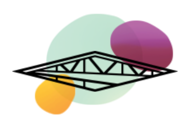





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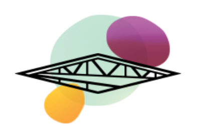


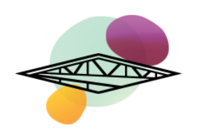


















رسالة رقم ١ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش وجورج أبراهام، سفراء في البصرة، من جون بومونت وجورج جرين في بوشهر [١] (١/١)

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To
Messieurs William Diggés LaTouche
and George Abraham, Council, at Bussora.

1778/87

Gentlemen.

Our last was dated the 13th ultimo, since whe
we have not been favoured with any of yours—

This is purposely to forward to you a set of o
General books for the year ending the 30th of last month for the Agency
and to enclose you our monthly Accounts for April—

We are with esteem
Gentlemen,
Your very Obedient humble Servants
John Beaumont
George Green

Bushire
15th May 1778. ℘ Abdul Rezack—
No. 1.

Gentlemen,

Since our last of the 15th ultimo, we have bee
favoured with yours of the 8th instant on the 14th—

Lieutenant William Burns of the Marine d
here the 13th instant—

Enclosed are our monthly Accounts for May
and we are with esteem
Gentlemen,
Your very Obedient humble Servants
John Beaumont
George Green

Bushire
25th June 1778 ℘ Shaik Ally Carachy—
No. 2.

To
The Honourable William Hornby, Esqre.
President and Governor, &ca. Council, at Bombay.

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

We paid our last respects to you under the
12th April ℘ Drake—

Lieutenant William Burns of the Marine
died at this place the 13th of June, having lingered from the 9th of May
when he arrived here from Bussora—

In consequence of Ally Mahomet Caun's late
defeat by the Arabs two of the Bushire Gallivats sailed the 2nd instant f
Bussora by orders from the Vakeel, and it is said that the like number
were ordered thither from Bunderick and Genowa—

Captain Charles Virtue of the Bombay Mercha
came in here yesterday freighted with piece Goods and Gruff from Beng
Madras and Muscat—

This is dispatched at the request of the Busso
Council and accompanies a packet from them received the 10th instan
for your honour &ca., which are sent to Narrondass at Muscat by a bo
express with directions to him to forward them by the most secure an
expeditious conveyance—before the receit of which you will no doubt h
heard that the report of the French Ship which put in lately to Musca



رسالة رقم ٣ إلى ويليام هورنبي، الرئيس والحاكم، مجلس بومباي، من جون بومونت وجورج جرين في بوشهر [٢] (٢/٢)

having attempted to take there an English Vessel from Surat, is entirely groundless—

We are with the greatest respect

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Your most Obedient humble Servants

John Beaumont

George Green

Bushire
12th July 1778.
~~By Express boat via~~ Dow Muscat—
No. 3.

To
Messieurs William Digges La Touche
and George Abraham, Council at Bussora.

Gentlemen,

Our last was dated the 25th ultimo, and the 10th instant we were favoured with yours of the 3d accompanying the packet for our Superiors at Bombay, which we intended forwarding to Muscat by boat express having last night closed our packet with the necessary directions to Narrondass; but learning that 3 or 4 Dows were just ready to proceed thither we have detained the packets to go by them and they will sail to day or tomorrow—

Enclosed you have a copy of our Address to our Superiors on that occasion, together with a Quick and Dead Stock to the day and our monthly Accounts for June— being with much esteem

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient humble Servants

John Beaumont

George Green

Bushire
13th July 1778. By Boat—
No. 4.

To
The Honourable William Hornby, Esqr.
President and Governor, &ca Council at Bombay.

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Our last respects were dated the 12th ultimo as Duplicate enclosed, which went by a Dow to Muscat accompanying a packet from the Bussora Council for your honours &ca—

The 27th the Bombay Merchant sailed for Muscat and as Captain Vertue intended going immediately from thence to Madras and Bengal without touching at Bombay, we did not write by him—

On the 1st instant we received a letter from the Bussora Council dated the 24th July requesting us to stop the Bombay Merchant to convey Captain Francis McHenny to Bombay who was arrived at Bussora and confidentially charged by the honourable the Court of Directors with dispatches of the greatest consequence for their several Presidencies— but as that Vessel had sailed we obtained from Shaik Nassir one of his Gallivats to proceed as far as Muscat in hopes of overtaking her, for the consideration of two thousand (2,000) Rupees—

The 4th Captain McHenny and Mr Fitzgerald Griffin who accompanied him from England arrived here, and on the 5th the Betsey Snow Lieutenant Brice Hardy very opportunely came in, by which Vessel those Gentlemen now take their passage for Bombay— they having no occasion for the Gallivat, as however the Shaik had advanced pay to people

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to man her and prepared every thing ready for her sailing, we were und[er the]
necessity of paying him half the freight for her or one thousand (1,000) Rupe[es]
agreeable to the established Custom here in cases of this nature, which we
doubt not your honour &c.ª will approve—

Mr. George Green having had a very indifferent
state of health here for this twelvemonth past, finds himself obliged to re[turn]
to the Presidency by the Betsey for the benefit of a change of air, having
received his Salary to the 30.th of June and his diet money to the last of July

We now forward your honour &c.ª a set of our
General books for the year ending the 30.th of April last, by which it appears
that the honourable Company sustain a loss by this Settlement of 3,735
Rupees during that time, arising on comparing this with the preced[ing]
year to the following deficiencies— By less Customs 3,180 Rupees and less
gain on Broad Cloth 3,420 Rupees and on Perpets 136 Rupees— Our Sales th[is]
year having been very small, as the greatest part were issued to the Agent [at]
the Invoice prices— But if we were furnished with the Sortment of Woolen[s]
fittest for this market which is Coarse Medleys and Perpets, we are confident
assured that 4 or 500 Pieces of the former and 5,000 of the latter would sell
annually here; the profits of which would more than clear the Charges [of]
this Settlement; 40 Pieces of Coarse Medleys having two years ago produce[d a]
profit of 27 ℔ Cent, since when none have been sent— whereas Coarse Clo[th]
the chief article sold last year went at a discount of 7 ℔ Cent, notwithstanding
the price of this article is raised above what it sold for formerly here and to
much as the Merchants can be brought to give for it; but as this sort is likew[ise]
in demand here this loss is unavoidable—

Enclosed are also our monthly Accounts for Apr[il]
May and June, and we are with the greatest respect

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Your most Obedient humble Servants
John Beaumont
George Green

Bushire
7.th August 1778
℔ Betsey Schooner
No. 5.

To
Lieutenant Brice Hardy
in command of the Betsey Snow—

Sir,

Having received on board Captain Francis Mc
Kenny and Mr. D. Fitzgerald Griffin with their Servants, Baggage &c.ª
whom you are to afford suitable accommodations in their passage to
Bombay, and wind and weather permitting you are hereby ordered to
weigh anchor and proceed to Bombay making the quickest dispatch in
your power thither, where on your arrival you are to deliver the accomp[a]
-nying packet and book packet to the honourable the President and Coun[cil]
and follow their orders for your future proceedings—

As Mr. George Green proceeds likewise to Bom[bay]
you are also to grant him suitable accommodations thither with his
Servants, Baggage &c.ª— We wish you a pleasant and speedy passa[ge]
and are

Sir,

Your Loving Friends
John Beaumont
George Green

Bushire
7.th August 1778
No. 6.

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Messieurs William Digges LaTouche
and George Abraham, Council, at Bussora

Gentlemen,

Since our last of the 13th ultimo, we have been favoured with yours ℘ boat express of the 24th on the 1st instant, and that of the 28th by Captain MacHenny on the 4th with the papers enclosed—

Very fortunately the Betsey Schooner Lieutenant Brice Hardy came in the day after, being dispatched by our honourable Superiors at Bombay purposely to carry over any Europe packet that might arrive; on which Captain MacHenny and Mr. D. Fitzgerald Griffin having embarked she sailed yesterday— and enclosed you have the copy of our address to the honourable the President and Council which went by her, and also the letter you forwarded to us for Captain Vertue—

Lieutenant Hardy having delivered us a packet to your address with assurances that it contains one for the honourable Company, we now enclose it to you by boat express, and are with esteem

Gentlemen,
Your very obedient humble Servants
John Beaumont &c.

Bushire
8th August 1778.—
℘ Laffir's boat express—
No. 7.

Gentlemen,

We wrote you last under the 8th ultimo, and yesterday were favoured with yours of the 17th thereof—

This is purposely to enclose you our monthly accounts for July and August, and we are with esteem

Gentlemen,
Your very obedient humble Servants
John Beaumont &c.

Bushire
7th September 1778.
℘ Saboon Carachy—
No. 8.

Gentlemen,

Our last was dated the 7th ultimo, and we now enclose you our monthly Accounts for September with a Quick and Dead Stock Account to this day, and are with esteem

Gentlemen,
Your very obedient humble Servants
John Beaumont &c.

Bushire
3d October 1778.
℘ Shaib Carachy—
No. 9.

Gentlemen,

The foregoing is duplicate of our last to you under the 3d instant—

The 14th imported here the Eagle Snow Captain Adam Shirreff from Bombay which brought us our honourable Superiors Commands under the 2nd of August, a copy of which is enclosed, and she is now dispatched to you—

Having occasion for about five thousand (5,000) Rupees to carry on our necessary disbursements here, we should be glad if it is
convenient

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convenient to you to favour us with that sum either by bill or in specie on the return of the Eagle—

We are with esteem

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient humble Servants
John Beaumont &c.

Bushire
16th October 1778. ℘ Eagle—
No. 10.

To
Captain Adam Shirreff
Commander of the Eagle Snow &c.

Sir,

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby ordered to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bussora, delivering to the Council there the accompanying packet and follow their orders for your future proceedings—

Having certain intelligence that the Chaub is with most of his Gallivats laying in Bussora river, you are particularly enjoined to keep your Vessel in a proper trim in case they should offer to attack you—

I wish you a pleasant passage, and am

Sir,

Your most humble Servant
John Beaumont &c.

Bushire
16th October 1778.
No. 11.

To
The Honourable William Hornby, Esqr.
President and Governor, &ca. Council, at Bombay.

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

The Betsey Schooner conveyed our last respects to you under the 7th of August— and as the Commander of her Lieutenant Brice Harby delivered us a packet for the Bussora Council said to contain one for the honourable Company, the day after we dispatched it by boat express to Bussora—

Some boats offering for Muscat give us the opportunity of informing your honour &ca. in original and duplicate that Ally Mahomet Caun meditating to be revenged of the Arabs for his former defeat, assembled 6 to 8,000 men horse and foot and marched against them near the bank of the river taking up the river with him the 8 Bunder Gallivats— Upon the approach the Arabs from 12 to 15,000 headed by the Shaiks Tamar and Thu[…] gradually retreated before them 'till on the 11th ultimo, having drawn the Persians into a plain between two rivers, at a distance from the Gallivats a general Engagement began, when in a very short time the Persians were totally defeated and Ally Mahomet Caun either killed or taken prisoner for hitherto no certain Accounts can be had what is become of him.—

The 13th the Gallivats after losing many of their people returned to Bussora with only 3 or 400 of the Persians, which with the stragglers since arrived it is said do not exceed 1,000, so compleat was the Victory!—

This unexpected loss drew the Chaub with most of his Gallivats into Bussora river near the Haffar, with a view it is reported of seizing the 8 Gallivats now they are so thin of Men, should a favourable opportunity offer— It is said that he suffers no boats to proceed to Bussora

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رسالة رقم ١٢ إلى ويليام هورنبي، الرئيس والحاكم، مجلس بومباي، من جون بومونت في بوشهر [٦] (٢/٢)

where their chief business is to purchase Dates, that he may sell his own — and that he prevents boats coming from Bussora, by plundering all that pass down the river —

Our latest advices from thence were dated the 14th @ 17th of September which confirm the defeat of the Persians, adding that Ally Achmet Caun brother of Ally Mahomet Caun, being one of those who escaped, then governed there — the boat which brought the last letter was plundered of every thing of Value by the Chaub —

Soon after that date the Arabs were seen near Bussora, which by all accounts they have since closely surrounded, suffering none to go in or out of the Town, while some are employed in gathering the Dates and sending them into the desert — but it is imagined they will not be able to get possession of it unless they use great expedition; or if they should, to keep it: for it seems that Saboc Caun is on the point of leaving Schyras with a considerable force for its relief —

The Caravan which left Grain last January for Aleppo returned to Grain the 25th ultimo and brought a private letter dated Aleppo the 31st of July, which mentions nothing further of the expected War with France —

Shaik Nassir is preparing to proceed in 2 or 3 days with his remaining Gallivat to Judda on a pilgrimage to Mecca, and having settled all his affairs here, at his request we have paid him 4000 Rupees for 4 years rent of the Factory ending the 30th of April ensuing —

In this critical state we most impatiently wait the arrival of the Revenge — We shall carefully advise your honour &ca of every thing material we may hear respecting Bussora &ca, and are with the greatest respect

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Bushire
13th October 1778.

Your most Obedient humble Servants
John Beaumont

The boats not going so soon afford me the pleasure of adding that on the 14th arrived here the Eagle Snow Captain Adam Shirreff, and yesterday she was dispatched for Bussora — as however the fleet is now on the point of sailing for Muscat, I am obliged to conclude myself with the utmost respect &ca as before,

John Beaumont

17th October 1778.
[Ori]ginal ℔ Shaik Nassir's Gallivat —
[Du]plicate ℔ Surat Dow —
No. 12.

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

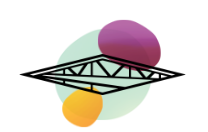
My last respects went in original and duplicate by Dows bound for Muscat and were dated the 13th and 17th ultimo, when you were advised of the arrival here of the Eagle Snow on the 14th and of her being dispatched for Bussora the 16th thereof —

By her I was favoured with your Commands dated the 2nd of August and the Extracts from the honourable Company's Commands accompanying them, to which I shall pay the strictest obedience —

I am very much obliged to your honour &ca for having been pleased to give me the option of Bussora Residency in

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رسالة رقم ١٣ إلى ويليام هورنبي، الرئيس والحاكم في مجلس بومباي، من جون بومونت في بوشهر [٧] (٢/٢)

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case Mr. Latouche had declined accepting it, and shall always exert best endeavours to merit your favour — I am likewise obliged for your permission that 600 Rupees may be annually expended in Repairs to this Factory, which shall be appropriated in the best manner possible for making such a ruinous building habitable —

In consequence of your honour &c.as orders that this and Bussora Residency are now to be totally independent of each other the balance of Rupees 9119-3-96 which stood on these books a credit to Bussora Agency is transferred to Account Current Bombay —

The payment of 4,000 Rupees for 2 years rent of Factory to Shaik Nassir having caused my balance of Cash to run short about that sum, when the Eagle sailed for Bussora I requested the Resident would if convenient supply me on her return with 5,000 Rupees, to make good that deficiency and carry on the necessary disbursements here; since when I have not been favoured with any letters from thence —

Being advised by Captain Sherreff of the Eagle letter dated the 16th instant off Carack where he returned his Pilot, that he dispatched from Grain express to the Presidency, with certain Accounts declaration of War; prevents my forwarding your honour &c.a the British Accounts till the arrival of the next Vessel —

The Imaum of Muscat having for sometime at war with Shaik Rashed of Julfar situated on the Arab coast nearly opposite to Ormus who is very powerful by land, the latter has lately taken some small Craft belonging to this place under pretence of their Carrying Muscat property — but as it is said that Shaik Califan Governor of Muscat has sailed thither with the Imaums fleet, it is expected that matters will be accommodated and a stop put to future depredations —

Here is no news from Schyras excepting that the Caun left it many days ago and by this time it is concluded he has reached Bussora —

This address goes in original and duplicate by bound to Muscat — and I am with the greatest respect —

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Your most Obedient humble Servant
John Beaumont

Bushire
30th November 1778.
Original p Ormuse Gallivat —
Duplicate p do. — Dow —
No. 13.

To
The Honourable William Hornby Esqr.
President and Governor, &c.a Members of the Select Committee, at Bombay

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

The 14th of October by the Eagle I was favoured with your Commands together with the Extracts of the honourable Companys Commands which accompanied them; and you may depend upon my paying the strictest obedience to whatever Orders and Instructions you may be pleased to honour me with —

The sudden dispatch of the Eagle express to Bombay with certain Accounts of a Declaration of War, without touching here has prevented my acknowledging by her the receit of the above; these respects go original and duplicate by Dows bound to Muscat — and I am with the greatest respect

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Your most Obedient humble Servant
John Beaumont

Bushire
30th November 1778.
Original p Ormuse Gallivat —
Duplicate p do. — Dow —
Triplicate p Colonel Capper the 8th January 1779
No. 14

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Messieurs William Digges La Touche
and George Abraham, Factors at Bussora.

Gentlemen

Since my last to you of the 16th October by the Eagle, I have been favoured with yours of the 14th and 18th ultimo which I received the 27th, and have duly honoured Mr. Latouche's draft for five thousand Rupees on account the honourable Company—

I am very glad to hear of Mr. Abraham's success in seizing at Grain the French Officer with his packets containing accounts of a declaration of War, as they will no doubt be of essential service to our honourable Master's affairs in India.

Accept of my best thanks for your promise to give me the necessary intelligence and for your offers of assistance in managing the honourable Company's affairs here—and in return you may be assured of my readiness at all times to render you the like Services or any other in my power; such being my full intention when I was first informed of the future independence of the two Settlements—

Shaik Rashed of Julfar, who has for sometime been at war with the Imaum, has lately taken some small Craft belonging to Bushire under the pretence of stopping the trade to Muscat—and ten days ago a boat from the Southward brought notice of a two mast Vessel having fallen into his hands after an engagement of 3 days and killing 30 Arabs among whom were 3 or 4 of their Chiefs, having no wind to get away; that she was manned with Lascars and 2 or 3 Europeans, and did not touch at Muscat, to which but little credit was then given, as 2 or 3 boats came in soon after that had not heard a word of it—however, it is now beyond a doubt, for 2 days ago Yar Mahomet who is known to you received a letter from Moorguwen within a few miles of Julfar asserting that 28 days ago Shaik Rashed took a two mast Vessel bound hither from Heyder Ally with a present for the Vakeel, and confirming her not touching at Muscat—

Should she prove to be from Heyder Ally the circumstance appears to be no less alarming to us, for when the Arabs first attacked her they most likely concluded her an English Vessel—it is said indeed they were in pursuit of a small Vessel belonging to an Arab named Jaloob at Muscat which they had notice of being in the Gulph, when they fell in with her—but it may justly be apprehended they will in future attack any of our Vessels that they think they can master.—

I have dispatched a Cossid to Congoon to be informed of the particulars of this affair, and by the first boat I shall write to Narrondass to advise the Commanders of all Vessels bound up the Gulph to be upon their guard—tho' no doubt the news of this capture has already reached Muscat—

I am with much esteem—

Gentlemen
Your very obedient humble Servant
John Beaumont

Bushire
3d January 1779.

P.S. After closing the above, it is further said that Shaik Rashed should express his concern on hearing of the Vessel's being taken by his people, and that he had secured her Cargo, whatever it might be, untouched—

The Dow on which Colonel James Capper and Mr. Dighton embarked being much distressed for Stores was obliged to touch here yesterday, but I hope she will be able to proceed tomorrow—

I am as before &c.
John Beaumont

4th January 1779.
P Abdul Rezach Carachy—
No. 15.



رسالة رقم ١٦ إلى ويليام هورنبي، الرئيس والحاكم في مجلس بومباي، من جون بومونت في بوشهر [٩] (١/١)

To
The Honourable William Hornby Esq.r
President and Governor &c.a Council at Bombay

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

The Dow on which Colonel James Capper and Dighton embarked at Bussora being much distressed for Stores was obliged touch here the 3.d instant, which gives me the opportunity, by favour of the Colonel, of enclosing your honour &c.a the Triplicate of my last respects unde the 30.th of November.—

Some days ago a boat from the Southward brought notice of a two mast Vessel having fallen into the hands of Shaik Rashed of Julfar, after an engagement of 3 days and killing 30 Arabs among whom were 3 or 4 of their Chiefs, having no wind to get away; that she was manne with Lascars and only 2 or 3 Europeans, and did not touch at Muscat. to which but little credit was then given, as 2 or 3 boats came in soon after whose people had not heard a word of it— however, I am sorry to acquain your honour &c.a that it seems now beyond a doubt, as the 31.st ultimo a creditable Merchant here received a letter from Moorguneen within a few miles of Julfar asserting, that 28 days before Shaik Rashed's fleet took a tw mast Vessel bound hither from Heyder Ally with a present for the Nakeeb, a confirming her not touching at Muscat— which last circumstance ma it appear probable—

But should she prove to belong to Heyder Ally her capture seems to be no less alarming to our trade, for when the Arabs first attempted her they most likely concluded she was an English Vessel— it is s indeed, they were in pursuit of a small Vessel belonging to an Arab name Yaloob at Muscat which they had notice was about quitting the Gulph, w they fell in with her— to which is added, that Shaik Rashed should expre his concern when he heard it, and that he has secured her Cargo, whatever may be, untouched— but it may justly be apprehended they will in future attack any of our Vessels that they think they can master.—

On the receit of this I dispatched a Cossid to Congoo for further intelligence, which is not yet returned— and I have now wrote Narrondass to caution the Commanders of all Vessels bound up this Gulph be upon their Guard, as also to advise your honour &c.a of what further he m have heard of this affair.—

The Merchants here having for sometime been very importunate for the Sortments of Woolens adapted to this market, I hope your honour &c.a will furnish me with a supply as soon as they arrive from Europ

The 27.th ultimo I was favoured with a remittan by bill from the Resident at Bussora for five thousand (5000) Rupees at 3 days after sight, on account the honourable Company—

Enclosed are my monthly Accounts for six mon from July to December inclusive— The Dead Stock continues the same, having no remains to form a Quick Stock—

A Southerly wind has detained the Dow 'till no and I am with the greatest respect

Honourable Sir and Sirs,
Your most Obedient humble Servant
John Beaumont

Bushire
8.th January 1779
P Colonel Capper P Bunderick Dow.—
N.o 16.



رسالة رقم ١٧ إلى ويليام هورنبي، الرئيس والحاكم في مجلس بومباي، من جون بومونت في بوشهر [١٠] (٢/١)

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The Honourable William Hornby Esq.re
President and Governor &c.a Council at Bombay.

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Enclosed is a duplicate of my last respects by Colonel Capper dated the 8th instant—

Two days after the Cossid from Congoon returned with the melancholy news that the Banians of that place were advised by two of their Cast settled at Julfar of the capture proving to be a small Vessel of two Masts dispatched hither from Bombay with packets, having besides only a few bags of Rice, two Chests supposed to be China ware and about 300 Rupees belonging to the Commander— that she was boarded by Shaik Rashed's Son with 6 Dows and a Trankey in a calm, and when carried in there, he had wrote to his father, who was gone up the Country against the Muscatters, to know whether the two Europeans and Lascars who were on board should be sent to Muscat; which it was thought would be granted, tho' the answer was not then received—

Taking which into consideration, with the circumstance of the commencement of hostilities betwixt us and the French leaving such little probability of your being able at present to spare a force sufficient to revenge this insult should your honour &c.a be so inclined, after weighing the difficulties of such an enterprise from the situation of Julfar, to which it is said no Vessels of any size can approach nearer than 2 or 3 miles, and that their fleet consisting of 3 or 4 Gallivats and upwards of 100 Dows and Trankeys are secured in a river that runs behind the town so as to be covered with it and not seen from the Sea— which caused the Muscat fleet that sailed thither, as I advised under the 30th of November, to return without effecting any thing; tho' its force was reported to be 10 or 12 Ships and more than 100 Gallivats, Dingeys &c.a— besides, the place tho' populous is said to be so miserably poor, that if taken it would contribute nothing towards reimbursing the Charges of an Expedition sent against it— these reasons led me to conclude it my duty to endeavour at the restitution of the Vessel even at some expence—

For this purpose, the Linguist being indisposed, I now sent Jaffer, who is very intelligent and personally known to the Julfar Shaik and his Chiefs, having served the Dutch and us near 40 years; with a letter to Shaik Rashed, intimating after Compliments, that understanding some of his people have taken one of our Vessels and carried her into Julfar during his absence, which inferring to be without his orders or even knowledge from the friendship that has ever subsisted between us, I request that he will restore her again with the people and every thing belonging to her, to Jaffer whom I now send with this letter; advising him as his friend to this restitution which will thereby preserve our ancient amity—

But as a present on this occasion is absolutely necessary to give it a probability of Success, not only to the Shaik but to his principal people, more especially as I learn they have tried tho' in vain to haul the Vessel into their river; Jaffer takes with him Sundries to the value of 5 or 600 Rupees, and I have given him a credit on Narrondass as far as 2,000, which with a gratuity for his trouble if he succeeds, I fear will together cost at least 3,000 Rupees; though I have enjoined him to the strictest Oeconomy, and to be guided by circumstances;

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رسالة رقم ١٧ إلى ويليام هورنبي، الرئيس والحاكم في مجلس بومباي، من جون بومونت في بوشهر [١١] (٢/٢)

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as it is not unlikely exposed as the Vessel is, but some of the Imaum's fleet may have retaken her, which I am assured they might easily effect; should this, her unexpected release, or any other contingency since have happened, as she must have been taken more than 40 days ago; or in case of his failure, the expence of his going will be but trifling.

As however the Vessel can be of but little service to the Captors since they cannot get her into their river, it is generally thought she will be given up; when Saffir has hopes of convincing the Shaik that it is not for his interest to attempt any more of our Vessels — if she is, and the Crew should be there she is to repair hither; but if her people are gone beyond recalling Saffir will provide hands to carry her to Muscat and deliver her over to Narrondass, who will advise your honour &c.a of his proceedings and wait your orders regarding her — Should her restitution prove impracticable and the Crew still be detained, Saffir will then labour all he can for their release and send them to Muscat; at all events he will if possible recover the packets and forward them to me without delay —

Shaik Rashed, who 20 years ago was Governor of Gombroon and as Strong as he is at present, has always been in friendship with us, and never committed any robberies till within these 4 months since his being at War with the Imaum of Muscat; nor perhaps would he had not the opportunity proved so favourable from the absence of most of the Gallivats of these Bunders at Bussora — and it is generally expected as soon as a peace takes place betwixt him and the Imaum that he will desist from future acts of piracy — at least, if Shaik Nassir on his return from Iudda fails in persuading him to it, it is imagined he will prevail on the Vakeel to send all his Gallivats against him —

A Turk is just arrived from Julfar who says that 10 days ago Shaik Rashed still continued up the Country, that the Crew of the Vessel were detained but well treated until the Shaik should resolve what to do with her, for which reason also every thing belonging her was preserved untouched —

It is now said that only large Ships cannot get near to Julfar, as there is supposed to be water enough to carry our second rate Cruizers such as the Drake or Eagle within Musquet shot of it; where it seems the Vessel taken lies —

Letters from the interior parts of Persia mention that Earthquakes have been frequent of late in many places, and that one in particular shook down such a number of houses in Cashan as to bury 10,000 Inhabitants in their Ruins —

Notwithstanding my anxiety to use the utmost expedition in this business, contrary winds and dirty weather have prevented the boat's going before — as these measures appeared to me the best to be pursued I hope they will meet with the approbation of your honour &c.a; and am with the greatest respect

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
17th January 1779.
P Saffir, via Julfar.
No. 17.

To
Messieurs William Digges La Touche
and George Abraham, Factors, at Bussora.

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Gentlemen,

My last went under the 2nd and 4th instant; and the 8th sailed the Dow with Colonel Capper, having been detained till then by Southerly winds.

The Cossid to Congoon has since returned with the melancholy news that the Banians there were advised by two of their Cast settled at Julfar of the capture proving to be a small Vessel of two Masts that had sailed express from Bombay with packets for this Gulph, having nothing else but a few bags of Rice for provisions, two Chests supposed to be China ware and about 300 Rupees of the Captain's — That she was boarded by Shaik Rashed's Son with 6 Dows and a Trankey in a calm, and when carried in there, he had wrote to his father, who was gone up the Country against the Muscatters, to know whether the two Europeans and Lascars who were on board should be sent to Muscat; which it was thought would be granted, tho' the answer was not then received —

Having considered of this affair, with the circum=stance of the commencement of hostilities betwixt us and the French which leaves but little probability of our Superiors being able at this juncture to spare a force sufficient to revenge this insult should they be so inclined, after weighing the difficulties of such an enterprise from the situation of Julfar, to which it is affirmed no Vessels of any size can approach nearer than 2 or 3 miles, and that their fleet consisting of 3 or 4 Gallivats and upwards of 100 Dows and Trankeys are secured in a river that runs behind the town so as to be covered with it and not seen from the Sea — which caused the Muscat fleet that sailed thither lately to return without effecting any thing, tho' it's force was reported to be 10 or 12 Ships and more than 100 Gallivats, Dingeys, &c.a — besides, the place tho' populous is said to be so miserably poor, that if taken it would contribute nothing towards reimbursing the Charges of an Expedition sent against it — these reasons have led me to conclude it for the honourable Company's interest to endeavour at the restitution of the Vessel —

The Linguist being indisposed, I have resolved on sending Jaffir who is intimately acquainted with the Julfar Shaik and his Chiefs; with a letter to Shaik Rashed, requesting him to restore the Vessel with the crew and every thing belonging to her, concluding from the long friendship subsisting between us that his people took her without his orders or even knowledge, and advising him as his Friend to preserve our ancient amity by restoring her &c. —

But as some trifling presents on this occasion are absolutely necessary to give it a probability of Success not only to the Shaik but to his principal people, more especially as I hear they have tried tho' in vain to haul the Vessel into their river — I have given Jaffir a credit on Narrondass as far as 2,000 Rupees, and have enjoined him to the strictest Oeconomy and to be guided by circumstances; it being not unlikely exposed as the Vessel is, but some of the Imaum's fleet may have retaken her, which I am informed they might easily effect; should this, her unexpected release, or any other contingency since have happened, as she must have been taken more than 40 days ago; or in case of his failure, the expence of his going will not be much —

As however the Vessel can be of but little service to the Cantons since they cannot secure her in their river, it is generally thought she will be given up, when Jaffir has hopes of convincing the Shaik that it is not for his interest to attempt any more of our Vessels — if she is, and the Crew should be there she is to repair hither; but if her people are gone beyond recalling Jaffir will provide hands to carry her to Muscat and deliver her over to Narrondass who is to advise our Superiors of Jaffir's proceedings and wait their orders regarding the

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رسالة رقم ١٨ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش وجورج أبراهام، وكلاء في البصرة، من جون بومونت في بوشهر [١٣] (٣/٣)

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the Vessel – Should her restitution prove impracticable and the Crew still be detained, Saffir is then to labour all he can for their release and send them to Muscat; at all events he will if possible recover the packets and forward the hither without delay –

Shaik Rashed, who 20 years ago was Governor of Gombroon and as strong as he is at present, has always been in friendship with us, and was never known to commit any Robberies till within these months since his being at War with the Imaum, under the colour of seizing all Muscat property; nor perhaps would then, had not the opportunity proved so favourable from the absence of most of the Gallivats of these Bunders at Bussora – it is generally expected as soon as a peace takes place betwixt him and the Imaum that he will desist from future acts of piracy – at least, if Shaik Nassir on his re- from Jubba fails in persuading him to it, he will most probably prevail on the Vakeel to send all his Gallivats against him –

However anxious I may be to use expedition in this business, the Wind has been so firmly fixed all this week at the South as to rend- a boat's going impossible till a change happens –

Letters from the interior parts of Persia mention tha- a violent Earthquake has lately shook down numbers of houses in the city of Cashan and buried 10,000 Inhabitants in their Ruins –

I am with esteem

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
15th January 1779.

P.S.

Hodjee Abdallah brother to Mahomet Seiad of Bus- arrived the 16th from Julfar and says that 10 days before Shaik Rashed still continued up the Country, that the Crew of the Vessel were detained but we- treated until the Shaik should resolve what to do with her, for which reason also every thing belonging to her was preserved untouched –

It is now said that only large Ships cannot get to Julfar, as there is supposed to be water enough to carry our second rate Cruizers such as the Drake or Eagle within Musquet shot of it; where it seems Vessel taken lies –

The boat with Saffir bound for Julfar sailed yesterday

I am, as before &ca

John Beaumont

18th Ditto –
P Shaik Ice's Dow –
No. 18.

Gentlemen,

I wrote you under the 15th and 18th instant; a- the 25th was favoured with yours of the 15th and 17th together with the papers accompanying –

Since then I have received as a deposite from Coja Erra fifteen thousand (15,000) Piasters on account the honourable Company, which you will let me know what I am to do with; for you a- to observe that altho' they are nominally at 5½ Mamoodies, and a fe- may pass at that rate in purchases, but if they are to be exchanged f- other Coins they will hardly go for more than 5 and 8 Goz if even for tha- be pleased likewise to let me know, should I have occasion for any, whether I may issue a part of them on account my disbursements

Yesterday my Shroff received a letter by the w- of Zebarra in 36 days from Jeram at Muscat, (formerly the Broker h- who says, not that he only heard, but that, we have actually taken Pondicherry, tho' he is silent with respect to whence he got this news



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or any other particulars; and adds that we have very strong forces both in Bengal and at Madras — he also confirms the Vessel taken to be from Bombay with packets —

I am with esteem
Gentlemen
Your very obedient humble Servant
John Beaumont

Bushire
28th January 1779
℘ Hamdan Carachy —
No. 19.

To
Messieurs William Digges LaTouche
and George Abraham, Factors at Bussora.

Gentlemen,

The boat with my last of the 28th ultimo being still detained by contrary winds, gives me the opportunity of advising you that Coja Ezra has deposited in this Factory fifty six (56) Chests of Venice Ware on account the honourable Company —

The Noquedah of the Dow that conveyed Colonel Capper to Muscat received here four Bussora Tomaunds or sixty Rupees to be deducted from the Freight to be paid him at Muscat, with which Narrondass was duly advised —

I am with esteem
Gentlemen
Your very obedient humble Servant
John Beaumont

Bushire
3d February 1779
℘ Hamdan Carachy —
No. 20.

To
The Honourable William Hornby Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council at Bombay.

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

My last respects were dated the 17th of January and went by Saffir via Julfar and Muscat as ℘ duplicate enclosed —

The 1st instant imported here the Assistance Snow Captain John Johnston with a freight of piece Goods and a little Gruff from Bengal, Bombay and Surat — about 14 days before she was attacked by a Gallivat and a Dow belonging to Julfar, but having taken in 25 Scindy Seepoys at Muscat she obliged them to sheer off after engaging about 20 minutes, during which they came so near that her Crew wrested two lances from the Arabs —

About 25 days ago the Success Ketch passed by this Port directly to Bussora without touching here — and it is said that she also was attacked in her way up the Gulph by 8 or 10 of the Julfar fleet and that the Vessel they lately took from us was among them —

A Cossid offering 5 days ago for Congoon, the foregoing circumstances induced me to dispatch a letter for Saffir to be forwarded from thence by the first opportunity, purporting that as he had been gone 46 days without my receiving the least intelligence of his proceedings, if upon the receit thereof he found

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Shaik Rashed was averse to our friendship, that he was to le[ave]
the place immediately—

One of the Imaums Ships anchored here the
26th ultimo from Muscat laden with a Cargo of Gruff for this plac[e]

Last night a Cossid brought Banian letters
from Congoon asserting that 5 days before Saffir had reached it on h[is]
return without the Vessel, Shaik Rashed requiring more money
than the 2,000 Rupees Saffir was limitted to, but what Sum was no[t]
mentioned— This endeavour of the Shaiks to make the most of h[is]
capture with his recent attacks of the Success and Assistance, wi[ll]
no doubt convince your honour &ca of his enmity to us, and that he
is not to be quieted but by force—

The Assistance now returns to Bombay—
and I am with the greatest respect

Honourable Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
8th March 1779.
℔ Assistance Snow—
No. 21.

To
Messieurs William Digges La Touche
and George Abraham, Factors at Bussora.

Gentlemen,

Since my last of the 3rd February I have been
favoured with yours of the 30th January on the 13th February, and the o[ther]
dated the 15th thereof on the 26th of that month—

When it suits you further to advise me what is t[o]
be done with the Piasties deposited by Coja Erra, you shall be informed
of the part thereof I have expended here on the honourable Companys
account at 5½ Bushire Mamoodies each—

Of the 56 Chests of Venice Ware deposited by Coj[a]
Erra he has taken 13 upon his own account, on his assurances that the
remaining 43 are fully sufficient to answer the 10,000 Rupees Respondent[ia]
payable thereon to the honourable the Governor and Council of Bombay—
hitherto he has offered no further Respondentia on the honble Companys accoun[t]

The 1st instant imported here the Assistance Sno[w]
Captain John Johnston with between 40 and 50 bales of piece Goods on frei[ght]
and a little Gruff from Bengal, Bombay and Surat— about 14 days before
she was attacked by a Julfar Gallivat and Dow, but having taken in 25
Scindy Seepoys at Muscat, after an engagement of about 20 Minutes
so close that her Crew wrested two lances from the Arabs, she had the g[ood]
fortune to make them sheer off— and she sailed the 8th for Bombay—

One of the Imaums Ships anchored here the [...]
ultimo from Muscat laden with a Cargo of Gruff on freight chiefly
for this place—

The 8th instant a rumour prevailed here of th[e]
so much dreaded event by the Persians having taken place, the deat[h]
of Carem Caun— and last night Shaik Sadoon received a copy of a
letter dated the 4th from Esol Beg at Schyraz to his family at Kesh[m]
his Government asserting that the Vakeel died the 2nd— That Abdu[l]
Fatee Caun his eldest Son had succeeded him in the Government, a[nd]
that all was quiet at Schyraz when that letter came away being we[...]
[...]



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guarded by Zachey Caun — also that several Chopparys had been dispatched to Bussora to recall Sadoc Caun to Schyraz —

That you might have the earliest intelligence of this event I have hired Jumma's boat express for ten Zermaboobs for that purpose, an embargo having been laid on all other boats —

This morning Saffir returned from Julfar with a letter from Shaik Rashed purporting, that my letter by Saffir gave him pleasure, that his fleet having fallen in with the Vessel taken she shewed the Imaum's Colours, with whom he being at war, they attacked her, and while they were boarding her and in a manner had her in their possession, her Crew hauled down those Colours and hoisted English — That the Vessel was very necessary to him in that war for about 2 months when he would return her to us — and for further particulars referred me to Saffir —

Who says that Shaik Rashed at first demanded two thousand tomaunds for her, but that at length he was contented to return her with a Phirmaund of Peace for two hundred, or four thousand Rupees, on her being brought hither or if one of our Vessels would take her away, having strongly objected to her being carried to Muscat — but as that Sum was double to Saffir's limits he returned without her. —

He further adds that the Vessel is entire with her 8 Guns, Masts, Rigging, Sails and Anchors — but that all her Ammunition, Small Arms and every private property belonging to the Capitain and Others had been plundered and divided, as he heard, at Sea when she was taken —

Had the Vessel been restored for about two thousand Rupees in Presents in an amicable manner, with assurances from Shaik Rashed that he would not in future molest us, the honourable the President and Council might have approved of the measure — but as I think myself not at all authorised to conclude such a disgraceful compromise, I can now only advise our Superiors of the result —

I am with esteem

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
10th March 1779
℔ Jumma Carachy Express —

No. 22.

To

The Honourable William Hornby, Esqr.
President and Governor, &ca. Council, at Bombay

Honourable Sir and Sirs

The Imaum's Ship being on her return to Muscat gives me the opportunity of enclosing the duplicate of my respects of the 8th by the Assistance Snow —

At that time Carem Caun's death was rumoured here, but the frequency of that report before made it then not at all credited — however on the 9th at night letters came in from Schyraz confirming this event which happened the 2nd instant, and the 10th at noon I dispatched a boat express to convey this intelligence to the Bussora Factory, having had no letters from Bussora since the Success reached it —

Messengers are daily coming in from Schyraz, all of whom say that some disturbances arose on this occasion which caused the Gates to be kept shut for 3 or 4 days, and during that time Nazir Ally Caun the late General against the Turks, two of the late Ally

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Mahomet Caun's Sons with 4 or 5 more of the Grandees were slain; w[...]
Abdul Fatee Caun the Vakeel's eldest son succeeded to the Government —
that Zackey Caun, the principal in cutting off those Chiefs, guarded
Schiras, and when the last Accounts came away, tranquillity was
restored, the roads opened and every thing went on as quietly as before — [...]
no certain intelligence can be had whether Saboo Caun is to be continue[d]
at Bussora or recalled to Schiras —

The 10th Saffir returned in 27 days from Julfar
with Shaik Rashed's answer purporting, that my letter gave him pleasu[re]
that his fleet having fallen in with the Vessel taken she shewed the Imau[m's]
Colours, with whom he being at war, they attacked her, and while they
were boarding her and in a manner had her in their possession, her Cre[w]
hauled down those Colours and hoisted English — That the Vessel was ver[y]
necessary to him in that war for about 2 months when he would [...]
return her to us — and for further particulars referred me to Saffir —

Who says that Shaik Rashed at first demanded
two thousand Tomaunds for her, but that at length he was contented to
return her with a Phirmaund of Peace for two hundred, or four thousand
Rupees, on her being brought hither or if one of our Vessels would take he[r]
away; having strongly objected to her being carried to Muscat — but as
that sum was double to Saffir's limits he returned without her —

He adds that the Vessel is entire with 8 Guns, Ma[sts]
Rigging, Sails and Anchors; and in the open road as before — but that al[l]
her Stores, Ammunition, Small Arms, and every private property belong[ing]
to the Captain and Others had been plundered and divided, as he heard, at se[a]
when she was taken —

Shaik Rashed's fleet being continually on the C[oast]
has roused almost every petty Shaik in the Gulph to fit out armed b[oats]
manned by a lawless set of Barbarians under no command, who, recei[ving]
no pay but depending solely upon plunder, rob without distinction
every thing they can — but it is expected all these piracies will cea[se]
soon as a peace, which is negotiating, takes place between Julfar a[nd]
Muscat; and Shaik Rashed confidently assured Saffir it would be
finished in a month, adding his chief reason for keeping the Vessel ti[ll]
then was to intimidate the Imaum with a view of hastening it, by
whom it seems her Crew were carried on their arrival at Muscat by [...]
of Shaik Rashed — Who promised Saffir to send a person to me about the[...]
when the peace was effected; and would fain have detained him 'till th[at]
period —

But as I cannot take upon myself to conclu[de]
such a disgraceful Compromise, which has so much the appearan[ce of]
purchasing not only the Vessel but Shaik Rashed's friendship, and [...]
encourage Others to molest us with the same impunity; I can now
submit the result to your Honour &ca's consideration. —

The Bushire people in their present defence[less]
state are not wholly without reason under some alarm for the con-
-sequence of Carem Caun's death, since two of their Gallivats are at Buss[ora]
while Shaik Nassir is absent with the third at Judda; and accordin[gly]
almost every inhabitant in the place is assisting in running up [the]
town wall with all expedition, which was begun more than 2 ye[ars]
but left not half finished — Their only fear now is from Reis Bagu[r]
of Tanksee[r] about 20 miles distance from hence, who it is said can bri[ng]
2,000 men into the field, as he is assembling his forces, and a day or tw[o]
recalled about 100 of his people that resided here —

I have nothing of the honourable Company under my charge but Dead Stock, excepting deposites made last month on their account by Coja Ezra ben Ibrahim, of about 13,000 Piastres being the balance of 15,000 received from him, and 43 Chests of Venice Ware on which 10,000 Rupees Respondentia will be payable to your honour &c.a on their safe arrival at Bombay by the Success — for the preservation of which you may depend on my utmost care being exerted should unfortunately any disturbance happen here, tho' I think none is to be apprehended while Schyras continues well governed —

I had wrote thus far the 12th and yesterday letters arrived in 7 days from Coja Yacoob further confirming the above particulars respecting Schyras — Notwithstanding the fears of the Bushire people from Tankseer have proved to be groundless, the Shaik has called in from the Country 200 Arabs subject to him, the town wall is already in a defenceable state, and this place rendered much more secure within these 4 days than it was before, lest any unforeseen troubles should happen —

The Success Ketch anchored off here to day from Bussora which she left the 12th, and will return thither again at the request of the Gentlemen, as soon as she has landed 41 bales of Worsleys which came on her for Coja Ezra ben Ibrahim —

News of the Vakeel's death had not reached Bussora when the Success left it, but Lieutenant Swift says that Sadoo Caun, upon receit of the Vakeel's letter mentioning his dangerous illness, (which I have since learnt was wrote the day before he died) was preparing to set out for Schyras — my letters however say nothing of it —

The last Europe advices received at Aleppo were to the 20th November, and a letter from Consul Abbott of the 15th January mentions that our men of war and privateers had been very successful in taking 3 East Indiamen which with 75 Ships from Martinico and St. Domingo and several Others to the 1st of October were valued at about two million sterling — They have since made many more besides 25 Martinico and St. Domingo Ships very rich, also a French Indiaman named the Carnatic with 2,000 bales of white piece Goods and as much more in value of other Merchandize and Gold —

This moment another Cossid is come in from Coja Yacoob in 4 days, who repeats the tranquillity of Schyras and says that Sadoo Caun is ordered thither, adding that Bussora is to be given to Soliman Aga the late Mussaleem as one of the Vakeel's last requests, from whence 'tis inferred it will revert again to the Turks —

I am with the greatest respect

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Your most Obedient humble Servants

John Beaumont

Bushire
6th March 1779
p. Imaum's Ship via Muscat

No. 23.

To

Messieurs William Digges La Touche
and George Abraham, Factors, at Bussora.

Gentlemen,

My last of the 10th instant went by boat express as p duplicate enclosed — and the 16th I was favoured with yours of the 12th

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accompanying the packet from our Superiors by the Success Ketch—

By her I also received the 41 bales of Worsted which shall be delivered to Coja Ersa ben Ibrahim on the conditions you requested— He tendered me 10,000 Rupees on that head payable in Piastres at 5 Mamoodies and 10 Goz each, but the Imaum's Ship being here having sunk their value to 5 Mamoodies and 6 Goz in exchange for other money, I rejected them until you advise me further—

The Imaum's Ship is only waiting for a fair wind, and as soon as she is gone I shall agreeable to your desire use my best endeavours to exchange the balance of the 15,000 Piastres for the properest Coins I can get for Bombay against the Success returns; but I fear this cannot be done for much less than the beforementioned loss, since scarcely any other Coin is to be had in the place but Piastres—

About eight days ago the people here were alarmed with a visit from the Tankseer people, which since has proved to be without foundation—notwithstanding, the town wall which then was not half finished is now rendered very defenceable and Shaik Sadoon keeps it well guarded every night, having for that purpose called in from the Country 200 Arabs subject to Bushire to prevent a surprise, tho' the people in general think that none is to be apprehended at present and especially while Schyras continues properly governed—

The 16th a Phirmaund was brought in 7 days from Schyras signed by Abdul Fatee Caun and Mahomed Ally Caun the two eldest sons to the late Vakeel, noticing their father's death, and the reasons for cutting off Nasir Ally Caun, Thelb Ally Caun and Others who had rebelled on that event; which had restored tranquillity to Schyras—this has also been confirmed by other letters of only 7 days date—

The Success was intended to have been dispatched to you yesterday, but the boisterous weather has detained her till now—

I am with esteem

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient humble Servant
John Beaumont

Bushire
19th March 1779.
P Success Ketch—
No. 24.

To
Lieutenant Jonathan Twiss
in command of the Success Ketch.

Sir,

Wind and weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bussora, where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying packet to the Factory and follow their orders for your future proceedings—

I am
Sir Your Loving Friend
John Beaumont

Bushire
19th March 1779.



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To
Messieurs William Digges La Touche
and George Abraham, Factors, at Bussora.

Gentlemen.

Since my last of the 19th. March ⅌ Success, I have received your favours of the 19th. 27th. and 29th. thereof on the 2nd. instant.

I heartily congratulate you on having at length got rid of the Persians in such a peaceable manner, and hope that in a little time Bussora will become as flourishing as ever, especially since you are upon such friendly terms with the Chaub and the Montifichs; and wish the former may always prove the sincerity of his professions as much as he has done by the release of Jumma's boat through your application, which I am very glad to hear of—

I am sorry to tell you that I have hitherto in vain tried to Exchange 12,000 Piastres the balance of Coja Erra's deposite for Coins proper for India, it being at present impossible to exchange 1000 here for any Coins whatever at any rate; for altho' every account from Schyras confirms the tranquillity of it, as yet not a Coffla has ventured to come hither, nor at present are people inclined to risque money by boats or Dows; and unless some comes in either by land or Sea before the Success's final departure it will be out of my power to make that remittance by her; being credibly informed that the sending Piastres to Bombay would cause a loss of 20 to 30 ⅌ Cent—

The Bushire Gallivats returned hither the 26th. ultimo—I am obliged to you for your good wishes respecting this place, and am with much esteem

Bushire
6th. April 1779.

Gentlemen,
Your very obedient humble Servant
John Beaumont

Soon after writing the above yesterday I was favoured with yours of the 4th. by the Success, and having heard nothing of Soliman Aga further than that he intended taking this rout, a horse=man was immediately dispatched to him, who promised to return from Schyras in 6 days, should he not meet with him in the road, to signify to the Mussaleem that the Vessel was sent hither on purpose to accommodate him with a passage to Bussora, for which she should be kept that time here, and earnestly desired he would use the utmost expedition, as the Season was so far advanced that she had not a moment to lose—

If I cannot exchange the Piastres before the Success returns to you I shall send you about 10,000 in her, and am as before

7th. April 1779.
⅌ Jumma via Grain—
No. 26.

Your very obedient humble Servant
John Beaumont

Gentlemen,

My last went under the 6th. and 7th. instant as ⅌ duplicate enclosed—

The horseman then sent to Schyras is not yet returned, but yesterday a Cossid came in with a letter from Coja Yacoob for Coja Erra mentioning that Soliman Aga the Mussaleem had left it 8 days before, having gone by the way of Baban to meet with Sadoo Caun—

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رسالة رقم ٢٧ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش وجورج أبراهام، وكلاء في البصرة، من جون بومونت في بوشهر [٢١] (٢/٢)

I now return the Success to you and by her you'll receive 8 bags containing 10,000 Piastres on account the honourable Company as ℔ receit enclosed being the balance of Coja Ezra's deposite; from the impos-sibility of exchanging it here for any Coins whatever — As I had before credited Account Bombay for the whole 15,000. that head will now be debted for this 10,000. together with 4 ℔ Cent the loss of Exchange on 2,000 part of which have already been issued for my disbursements, unless the rest should pass at a less loss; the other 3,000 were in like manner issued at the rate they were received or 5½ Mamoodies each

I am with esteem

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
12th April 1779
℔ Success Ketch
No. 27.

To
Lieutenant Jonathan Twiss
in command of the Success Ketch

Sir,

Wind and weather permitting, you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bussora, where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying packet to the Factors and follow their orders for your future proceedings —

I am

Sir,

Your Loving Friend

John Beaumont

Bushire
12th April 1779
No. 28.

To
The Honourable William Hornby, Esqre
President and Governor &ca Council, at Bombay

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Enclosed you have the duplicate of my respec[ts] under the 16th of March which went by one of the Imaum's Ships to Ma[scat]

When you were advised of the arrival here on th[e] day of the Success Ketch, and the 14th thereof she was returned to Busso[ra] By her I was favoured with your commands of the 29th December and Extracts of the honourable Company's Commands accompanying [it] to which I shall pay the most punctual obedience —

The 26th the two Bushire Gallivats returned h[ere] from Bussora, on Sadoo Caun's quitting that place, as did also those bel[onging] to Genowa and Bunderich to their respective ports —

On the 6th of April the Success came here [to] Soliman Aga the Mussaleem of Bussora thither, and she retur[ned]



... was advised that he had gone by the way of Babaun in order to ... Sadoo Caun — By her I consigned the Factors 10,000 Piastres from the impossibility of exchanging them here for Coins proper for India as they had desired being the balance of 15,000 received here in January as a deposite from Coja Ezra ben Ibrahim on account the honourable Company —

Your honour &ca. will be informed from Bussora of that City's having reverted again to the Turks — Sadoo Caun advances but slowly towards Schyras under pretence of regulating the Government of the places he passes through, and he is now said to be in the neighbourhood of Coroon, though many people attribute this tardiness to his jealousy of Zachey Caun, notwithstanding the preservation of their family evidently depends on their Union, but 'tis thought that fear will render the stability of the Persian Government doubtful until it is removed — Bushire however continues quiet, tho' the Townwall is still guarded every night —

The Success returned hither the 29th Ultimo on her way to India, and she is now dispatched to your honour &ca. — at the request of the Bussora Factors I have laden on her the 44 Chests of Venice Ware deposited here by Coja Ezra ben Ibrahim, one having been received since, as ℔ Lieutenant Twiss his receit enclosed —

Freight of Treasure and Pearl shipped on her amounting to Rupees 933.1.30 as ℔ enclosed Manifest, being payable in India, I shall debt the Presidency for three fourths thereof or Rupees 700 — 35 — she having taken in no Gruff Freight from hence :—

The balance of Cash here will be little or nothing when my Accounts are closed for April — Those for January, February and March are now forwarded to your honour &ca. — and I am with the greatest respect

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Your most obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
2nd May 1774. ℔ Success Ketch, by Mr. Galley —
No. 29.

To
Lieutenant Jonathan Twiss
in command of the Success Ketch

Sir,

Wind and weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where on your arrival you are to deliver the 44 Chests of Venice Ware laden on the Success to the honourable the President and Council, and follow their orders for your future proceeding —

I wish you a prosperous and speedy passage, and am —

Sir,

Your Loving Friend

John Beaumont

Bushire
2nd May 1774.
No. 30.

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Abstract. Manifest of Treasure, Pearl &ca. Freight laden at Bushire on the Success Ketch Lieutenant Jonathan Twiss for Bombay &ca. Viz.

By Whom Shipped	To Whom Consigned	Value		Freight to be received at Bombay
Petrus Lucas	Mary Cross	12,500 —		375 —
Do.	Do.	3040 —		91.1 —
John Beaumont for W. D. La Touche	Henry Moore Esqre.	5200 —		156 —
John Beaumont	Mary Cross	4368 —		131 — 1
Do.	The Honble. William Hornby Esqre.	1190.2	freight free	—
Do.	Andrew Ramsay Esqre. for Daniel Seton	811.3½	Do.	—
Do.	Patrick Crawfurd Bruce	700.47	Do.	—
Do.	John Griffith for Rawson Hart Boddam Esqre.	4002.2	Do.	—
Do.	John Griffith	3797.2	Do.	—
Do.	Pandorjee Sevajee	607 —		18.1.1
Do.	George Green & George Birch	2800 —		84 —
Yaprecanos	Zachary Owen John	2600 —		78 —
		41,617.4.3		Rs. 933.2.5
	Deduct the amount Freight free	10,502.4.3		
	Rupees	31,115 —	@ 3 pr. Cent	933.2.5

Bushire 2nd May 1779.
Errors Excepted
Pr. Jonathan Twiss

No. 31.

Having received no part at Bushire of Rupees 933.2.5 Freight Money

To
Messieurs William Digges La Touche
and George Abraham, Factors at Bussora

Gentlemen,

Your favour of the 25th ultimo was brought me by the Success the 29th and the 2nd instant she was dispatched for India with the 44 Chests of Venice Ware laden on her and consigned to our Honourable Superiors as you desired —

The 25 bales of Worsters shall be delivered to Coja Ezra's Attorney here agreeable to your request —

Nothing has taken place here since my last of the 12th April — The Persians are anxious to hear of Sadoc Caun's reaching Schyras, as many suspected he had some jealousy of Zachey Caun, but by a Cossid which came in last night from thence in 4 days it is positively asserted that he was to enter that City as yesterday —

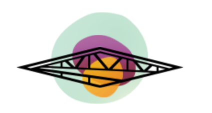
I am with esteem
Gentlemen,
Your very obedient humble Servant
John Beaumont

Bushire
5th May 1779.
pr. Hamdan Caracky
No. 32.

Gentlemen,

My last was dated the 5th instant.

A Cossid is just arrived from Schyras in 4 days with letters advising that the day before Sadoc Caun intended to enter it a



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misunderstanding arose between him and Zackey Caun, upon the latter insisting that but very few of his troops should accompany him, which Sadoc Caun rejecting and learning that Zackey Caun designed to send a large force in the morning to attack him, and finding that his own Soldiers dare not stand by him as their Families were most of them in Schyras, he immediately fled with about 700 followers it is said towards Ispahan— Zackey Caun sent after him 3 Cauns and 1400 Men, two of whom were killed in the skirmish and the third Caun was taken Prisoner by Sadoc Caun.

For a day and a night the two Sons of the late Vakeel were confined as were Sadoc Caun's Sons, by Zackey Caun, who then thought proper to release them again—

As all confidence seems now to be utterly destroyed between Sadoc and Zackey Caun, the troubles, which this opposition has begun to raise, threaten not to end but with the death of one of them.—

I am with esteem

Gentlemen,

Your very Obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire.
11th May 1779.
℘ Soliman Cossidy
No. 33.

To
Messieurs William Digges Latouche
and George Abraham Factors, at Bussora

Gentlemen,

Since my last of the 11th ℘ foregoing duplicate, no fresh news has come in from Schyras—

Yesterday imported here the Betsey Snow Captain David Phillips with a Cargo of Piece Goods and Gruff from Bengal, Madras and Bombay, which last she left the 2nd of April but brought no packets from our Superiors — also the Bombay Merchant Snow Captain Charles Forbes with the like Cargo from Bengal, Madras and the Mallabar Coast— The latter left Tellicherry the 28th of March and says that Myhee capitulated to Colonel Braithwaite the 20th thereof, when private property was given up to the French—

As this news had not reached Bombay when Captain Phillips left it, I dispatch a boat express on purpose that you may advise our honorable Masters of this agreeable event, since the French have not now one Flag flying in India—

I am with esteem

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
13th May 1779
℘ Shaik Ally Cossidy Express—
No. 34.

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To
The Honourable William Hornby, Esq.re
President and Governor, &c.a Council, at Bombay,

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

My last respects went by the Success Ketch under the 2nd Ultimo as p Duplicate enclosed—

The 12th of that Month imported here the Betsey Snow Captain David Phillips with a Cargo of Piece Goods and Gruff from Bengal, Madras and Bombay — Also the Bombay Merchant Snow Captain Charles Vertue with alike Cargo from Bengal, Madras and the Mallabar Coast — Captain Vertue left Tellicherry the 28th of March and having assured me that Myhee capitulated to Colonel Braithwaite the 20th thereof; the day after their arrival here I dispatched a boat express to the Factors at Bussora, in order that our honourable Masters might have the earliest intelligence of this favourable event—

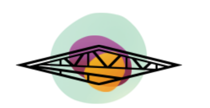
The 1st instant departed the Bombay Merchant bound directly for Madras and Bengal; and your honour &c. will receive this address by the Betsey Snow now ready to sail for the Presidency.

By her is forwarded a set of Bushire General books for the year ending the 30th of April last, by which it appears that the honourable Company sustain a loss by this Settlement of Rupees 12,972.3.7 the whole charges during that time being Rupees 13,715.1.82 which increase is chiefly owing to 4,000 Rupees for 4 years rent of the Factory since the re-settlement was made having all fallen upon this year — The great loss of that period arises from a deficiency in every Article that should contribute to reimburse the Expence of this settlement — The Customs collected the year before was near 4000 Rupees and this year they proved less than one thousand, fewer Merchant Ships having visited this port in the latter time than usual — The Freight on Pearl & Treasure for India amounted last year to 3,679 Rs. and in this produced nothing, since in all that time no Cruizer sailed from hence to the Presidency but the Betsey Schooner which was dispatched in the midst of the heats, when little or no business is done here — besides the inability of your honour &c.a to supply me with any Woolens during that time, having none in your Warehouses fit for this market; otherwise the usual profit arising thereon might very considerably if not totally have cleared that heavy loss.—

After the Vakeel's death the Chaub took 2 Dows and a boat belonging to this place, but has since restored them with their contents by an order from Zachey Caun who dispatched a Choppa to him for that purpose—

Sadoo Caun reached near Schyras and was to have entered it as the 4th of May, but the day before some misunder-standing having arisen between him and Zachey Caun, where learning that the latter intended sending a large force in the morning

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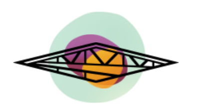
to fall upon him, and finding that his own Soldiers dare not stand by him as their Families were most of them in Schyras at the mercy of Zackey Caun, he was constrained to retreat with his eldest son Saffeir Caun and about 700 followers towards Ispahan — Zackey Caun sent after him 1400 horsemen commanded by 3 Cauns, two of whom were killed in the Skirmish that ensued and the third was taken Prisoner by Sadoo Caun —

We have since had accounts that he afterwards proceeded to Lhor to raise forces, leaving for that purpose Saffeir Caun and his brother Ally Morad Caun at Ispahan — Some days ago Zackey Caun quitted Schyras and marched to attack the latter before they could be joined by Sadoo Caun, taking with him the late Vakeel's sons and Treasure, the rest of Sadoo Caun's Sons and all the great Men and Ministers in Schyras, which he left governed by his Son Ackba Caun and his Sister's son Moosa Caun — having previously plundered and destroyed Sadoo Caun's house and beat his Women to force them to confess where his Treasure was, but in that he was disappointed, getting only about 8,000 Tomaunds which was far short of his expectations —

It has however at length pleased the Almighty to save Persia and rid the world of such a cruel monster in the following manner, of which certain intelligence was received here the 21st instant — Having marched his army 3 days from Schyras subsisting upon the Villages he passed through, and being exasperated to find the poor Country people had no longer the means of providing more Provisions, he most inhumanly ordered them all to be massacred, and confined and fettered Abbul Fatee Caun for gently remonstrating against it — This being told to Nasirulla Mirza, son of Sharroch Shaw and great grandson of Nadir Shaw, who fled last year to Carem Caun for succours on some disputes with his brother at Chorasan, and to Sallee Caun son of Carem Caun before he was Vakeel, who made his appearance at Schyras and was owned as such about 3 years ago — They, before this barbarous order was executed, repaired to Abbul Fatee Caun and proposed cutting off the Tyrant, to which he consented, finding none of their lives any longer safe under him; they then unfettered and released him as they did also one of Sadoo Caun's Sons confined in like manner, and taking the latter with them, proceeded to Zackey Caun's tent who was at prayers, he asked them what they wanted, they boldly replied they came to take his life, upon which he snatched up a Blunderbuss he always kept by him ready loaded with 5 or 6 balls, but before he could use it Sallee Caun cut off his right arm, Nasirulla Mirza observing that was not the proper way to use a sword, drew his, and cut him right down the middle — his head was immediately dispatched to Sadoo Caun by one of his Sons, his arm to Saffeir Caun and his body burnt — when Abbul Fatee Caun returned with the Treasure and the rest of the Army to Schyras, part of it having it seems

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deserted to Saffier Caun before this happened —

The plan it is said was formed to draw Zacky Caun out of Schyras to cut him off, as it might be done with less noise and resque than in that city —

As soon as Saboo Caun returns to Schyras the Persians have not a doubt but peace will be restored every where and affairs conducted quietly again in their usual channel. —

Vallee one of the Factory Seepoys had the misfortune to fall from the Terrace being a sleep upon his guard, which killed him the 10th instant — The Naigue and 5 Seepoys desire to be relieved, having left the Presidency the 8th of February 1777 by the Revenge. —

At Captain Phillips's request I have supplied him with the loan of six (6) Water Casks, which were left here by the Eagle last year; as ꝑ his receit enclosed whereby he engages to be accountable for them to your honour &c. —

Accompanying these respects your honour &c. will receive two packets to your address and two packets in original and duplicate for the Governor General and Council at Calcutta, which were brought here from the Bussora Factors in the course of this month and after the departure of the Bombay Merchant. —

Notwithstanding the unsettled state of these parts Captain Phillips has disposed of the greatest part of his adventure amounting to upwards of 60,000 Rupees leaving only to the value of about 10,000 behind him — which I mention to shew your honour &c. the probability of finding a ready vent for Woolens should you be pleased to favour me with a Sortment fit for this market more especially since there is now such a fair prospect of the Country being restored to tranquillity —

Enclosed are my monthly accounts for April and May, and I am with the greatest respects

Honourable Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

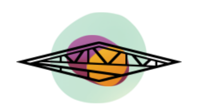
John Beaumont

Bushire
23d June 1779.
ꝑ Betsey Snow.
No. 35.

To
Messieurs William Digges La Touche
and George Abraham, Factors, at Bussora.

Gentlemen,

Since my last of the 13th of May I have duly received your following favours — those of the 21st and 22nd of that Month on the 27th thereof — that of the 28th enclosing your packet for the Presidency and two packets in original and duplicate for the Governor General and Council at Calcutta, also extracts of Europe news from Aleppo, on the 4th instant — and your last of the 12th accompanying a second packet for



our Superiors at the Presidency and paragraph of a letter from his Majesty's Ambassador at the Porte &c. came to hand the 20th, and am much obliged to you for the Paragraph and Extracts of News—

The Bombay Merchant sailed the 1st instant bound directly for Madras and Bengal, as did the Betsey Snow early on the 21st for Bombay— by which latter I forwarded your four packets enclosed to the honourable the President and Council—

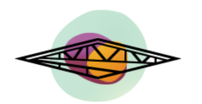
The two Dows and boat taken from the Bushire people by the Chaub since the Vakeel's death, have been lately restored with every thing belonging to them, in consequence of an order order from Zackey Caun who dispatched a Chappar to him for that purpose.—

You were before advised of the flight of Sadoo Caun towards Ispahan through some jealousy that had arisen betwixt him and Zackey Caun— I have since learnt that he proceeded to Lhor to raise forces, leaving his son Jaffier Caun and his brother Ally Morad Caun to collect an army at Ispahan— Some days ago Zackey Caun quitted Schyras and marched to attack the latter before they could be joined by Sadoo Caun, taking with him the late Vakeel's Sons and Treasure, the rest of Sadoo Caun's sons and all the great Men and Ministers in Schyras, which he left governed by his son Achba Caun and his Sister's Son Moosa Caun – having previously plundered and destroyed Sadoo Caun's house and beat his Women to force them to confess were his Treasure was, but in that he was disappointed, getting only about 8000 Tomaunds, a sum far short of his expectations.—

It has however since pleased the Almighty to save Persia and rid the world of such a cruel monster – the plan it seems was formed to draw him out of Schyras for that purpose, that it might be executed with less bloodshed and risque than in that city – and the 21st instant certain intelligence was received here that he fell the 14th in the following manner.—

Having marched his army 3 days from Schyras subsisting upon the Villages he passed through, and being exasperated to find the poor Country people had no longer the means of providing more Provisions, he most inhumanly ordered all the Men to be massacred to the number of 4,000 and gave their Wives and Children to his Soldiers, confining and fettering Abbul Fatee Caun for gently remonstrating against it, and would have taken out his eyes had not Azad Caun diverted him from it, and it is generally thought that he certainly meant to dispatch him— This outrageous behaviour alarmed every body, and in particular Naserulla Mirza son of Sharoch Shaw and great grandson of Nader Shaw, who fled last year to Carem Caun for succours on some disputes with his brother at Chorasson, and Sollar Caun son of Carem Caun before he was Vakeel, who made his

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appearance at Schyras and was owned as such about 3 years ago. They and Others, with the consent of Abbul Fatee Caun, seeing none of their lives were any longer safe under such a Tyrant, fell at once upon Zackey Caun and cut him to pieces - his head was immediately dispatched to Sadoo Caun by one of his Sons and his body burnt —

When Abbul Fatee Caun returned with the Treasure and Army &ca. to Schyras - and by a Cossid that came in from thence the 23. he was encamped without the Town waiting the arrival of Sadoo Caun, that they might enter the city together, which has since been finely illuminated and every expression of joy exhibited there on this happy event — and there remains now no doubt but in a few days tranquillity will be restored to all parts and the government fixed on the firmest basis through the wisdom of Sadoo Caun —

Notwithstanding the unsettled state of this Country Captain Phillips disposed of the greatest part of his Adventure amounting to upwards of 60,000 Rupees, better than might have been expected, leaving only to the value of about 10,000 behind him —

I am very glad to hear of the tranquil state of Bussora and the prospect you have of a flourishing commerce, which I hope will daily increase, and am with esteem —

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
28th. June 1779. ℘ Hamdan —
No. 36.

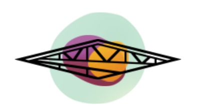
Gentlemen,

I wrote you last the 28th. Ultimo —

With much concern I am now to inform you of the melancholy change that has since taken place here by the Tanksees people having got possession of Bushire, which they effected in the following manner —

My last informed you of Zackey Caun's death — in the confusion that followed that event Reis Bagur Caun of Tanksees made his escape from the camp, and the 28th. ultimo notice came here of his reaching Bunderick, from whence it seems he dispatched news to Tanksees, and the evening of the 29th. Reis Hamet Commander of his troops drew out of Tanksees 2 to 300 Men with a view as he said to advance and meet the Caun; when he got them out of the Town he marched them directly hither, having just before received advice from some of his people settled here that the two Bushire Gallivats had just weighed to go and convoy up Shaik Nassir, as certain accounts were received of his being on his passage from Muscat — It is true the Gallivats did weigh their Anchors that afternoon but dropt them again soon after, on finding they were too late to be carried out by the ebb tide —

At 2 in the morning of the 30th. I was awaked with the distressing news that the Enemy had made themselves Masters of the



of the place by surprise without hardly any opposition, as not above 10 or 12 were killed on either side; for by some unaccountable negligence the Town was that night alone left unguarded and every body asleep — Shaik Ally and all Shaik Nassir's people were more intent on securing the Shaik's and their own Families and effects on board the Gallivats whither they retired with 2 or 3 Merchants and at least 300 Men, than in defending the place, which was so much distressed by that step and served to discourage those left behind — The Town was directly set on fire to throw the Inhabitants into confusion, and which burnt till day break consuming near half of it — All this time Shaik Sadoon kept close in his house and dare not stir out tho' he had 200 Men armed with Musquets with him; when 50 brave fellows headed by a Man of Courage might have recovered the place; but the want of such a head proved the loss of Bushire to a handful of Men! —

Day light presented nothing but devastation every where, tho' contrary to expectation the Enemy kept peaceable possession without hurting or plundering any body — At noon Shaik Sadoon was frightened from his house to swear jointly with Reis Hamet who is blind that both parties should remain quiet till Reis Bager Caun's arrival — This shameful treaty was no sooner concluded than about 200 Arabs appeared to the assistance of Bushire, who killed 4 or 5 Tank-seer people they met with at the watering place giving their horses water, which they made free with and then departed —

The 1st instant Reis Bager Caun entered Bushire with about 150 Men, declaring to every body that he fled from the fear of Sadoo Caun's resentment which he incurred some time ago, that he took possession of Bushire as a place of greater security to him than Tankseer, and promised with a seeming faith that the Persons and Effects of all should be sacred; and that he would govern it with the most impartial Justice and much better than heretofore — People are by his orders employed in compleating the Town wall; and the Moors, Armenians and Gentoo Merchants have severally by his insinuation, petitioned Abdul Fatee Caun to continue him in the Government, setting forth his taking this place and his behaviour towards them since in the most favourable light —

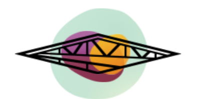
The 2nd the two Gallivats sailed to the southwd certain intelligence it is said having come of Shaik Nassir's arrival at Congoon, and that the Cossid who brought it was seized by Reis Bager's People — Then also, the Petitions of the Merchants were dispatched to Schyras; what effect they will have time alone must shew — For my own part I see nothing but a gloomy prospect before me full of anxiety from the wars that may naturally be expected to ensue on this capture; for I cannot think Reis Bager will be suffered to keep quiet possession of it —

Yesterday the Caun sent for his family to settle them here, but as yet they have not arrived from Tankseer — All the poor native Inhabitants of Bushire he has just turned out of the Town to make room for his own people — It was said, and the enemy chiefly propagated the report, that Meer Ally Caun of

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Bunderick aided them; and this suspicion was something credited by the Caun's late visit at that port — However, I have since learnt it is entirely without foundation; for two days ago Hodjee Ally Abdallah one of the Meer's Captains came here, demanding Shaik Ice's family and his Dow, which have been delivered to him; and by whom I embrace the opportunity of letting you know my unfortunate situation — from which I trust the Almighty will deliver us, and am with esteem —

Gentlemen,

Your very obed.t humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
4th July 1779. p Hodjee Ally Abdallah via Bunderick

N.o 37.

To

Messieurs William Digges Latouche and George Abraham, Factors, at Bussora.

Gentlemen,

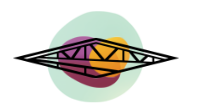
Enclosed you have a duplicate of my last of the 4th which went to Bunderick to be forwarded to you from thence by boat express —

Since then nothing of moment happened 'till the 9th when three Choppars arrived from Schyras with Abbul Fatee Caun's Phirmaund ordering Boquer Caun to restore every thing he might have taken from the Inhabitants, surrender the Town to Shaik Sadoon which he was immediately to quit, and repair with the Choppars to Schyras; or to stand to the consequences — When they left Schyras the Merchant's Petitions had not reached it —

Finding the Country were all up in arms and great preparations making to attack him both by sea and Land, apprehensive too that Troops from Schyras would soon follow the Choppars and that he should be shut up in this place with only about 530 Men and no possibility of escaping, but above all foreseeing that his own people would desert him if he continued much longer here, were reasons that led him to resolve on quitting Bushire — The day after seizing two boats he dispatched them by sea to his Fort laden with the spoils of the Shaiks to the value it is said of 3 or 4 Lacks of Rupees, which chiefly belonged to Shaik Nassir; having plundered none other of the Principal people — And the 11th at sun rise, to the great joy of the Inhabitants, he peaceably decamped with his people to Tankseer taking the Choppars with him; after some of his Rabble had broke open and robbed a few Shops in the Buzar. —

Thus it has pleased the Almighty to deliver us from the power of a Rebel, who sure of losing his life if taken, might through despair have been driven to every act of cruelty — and I have hardly a doubt but this happy escape from such imminent danger

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رسالة رقم ٣٨ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش وجورج أبراهام، وكلاء في البصرة، من جون بومونت في بوشهر [٣٢] (٢/٢)

will cause the Shaiks to use every means for preventing the Town being surprised in like manner infuture, and render it more secure than if this misfortune had not happened — It seems the place was betrayed and set on fire by some of the Tanksee people residing here, and since it's restoration, they have every one been turned out of it —

During Baguer Caun's stay here he obliged the Merchants to pay him their Arrears of Customs amounting to 40 a 50,000 Rupees — and I was forced to make him and his principal people Presents, by his giving me to understand that he expected it — He likewise plundered and destroyed every house belonging to the Arabs here in revenge for the hostilities committed by their Tribe in his Country, for they no sooner heard that he had fallen upon Bushire, than, making Shaik Nassir's cause their own, they arose laying waste and all in their power depopulating Tanksee, killing Men, Women and Children — which barbarities they still practice, having since been joined by almost all Dashistan, besides about 500 Men from Bunderick and Genowa commanded by Meer Ally, Meer Gunnos and others, making together a body of 2,000 Men —

The 12th two Bunderick Gallivats came to our assistance, as did one from Genowa on the 15th — When a party of Arabs having arrived requiring Shaik Sadoon's presence at Chockuter the head quarters that he might command them, as all the other Forces except them had Chiefs of their own, he departed with them that evening for that purpose, leaving Bushire to be governed by Shaik Channon in his absence —

To day or tomorrow the joint forces are to lay siege to Baguer Caun's two Forts, and Shaik Nassir is hourly expected among them, letters having been received from him at Verdistan — The two Bushire Gallivats went to Bareen, and are now every instant expected here with Shaik Nasoor in his Gallivat, who leaves Shaik Ally at Bareen for the present in his stead —

When Zackey Caun was killed, Ishmael Caun, the cause of all the disputes between him and Sadoc Caun, made his escape but has since been taken and his head sent from Ispahan where he suffered to Schyras; his eldest son had his arms and legs cut off, and his other Children and Brother are in Prison —

Sadoc Caun entered Schyras 10 or 12 days ago; a little before which it was discovered that Mahomet Ally Caun had formed a design to cut off his Brother, for which he is now in confinement, and two Cauns who advised him to that deed with the intended executioner were instantly put to death — otherwise Schyras is in perfect tranquillity; and by all accounts Abdul Tatee Caun supported by Sadoc Caun enjoys at least as much power as Carreem Caun did —

I am with much esteem

Gentlemen

Your very obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire

17th July 1779 Crossed via Bunderick

No. 38.

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Gentlemen,

Yesterday I wrote you by the way of Bunderich as ⅌ duplicate enclosed— and in the afternoon was favoured with the duplicate of yours under the 12th and 13th and the letters accompanying them by Abdul Hossein—

I am sincerely obliged to you for the very friendly steps you took for my assistance and relief, notwithstanding they proved unnecessary, as you will perceive by my last advices— I therefore with many thanks return Abdul Hossein to you again; and enclosed are your letters to Reis Baguer Caun and to the Commander of any English Vessel bound up the Gulph— Those for the Shaiks of Genowa and Bunderich have been delivered to their people here—

Having nothing further of news to communicate I have only to assure you how much I consider myself—

Gentlemen,

Your obliged and very obed.t h'ble Servant
John Beaumont

Bushire
18th July 1779. ⅌ Summa Carachy.
N.° 39.

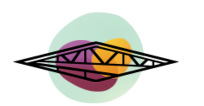
Gentlemen,

My last went by Summa under the 18th as ⅌ duplicate enclosed—

Since then Masoon Caun of Genowa with a Choppar from Schyras have reached the Bushire Allies, bringing Abdul Fatee Caun's Phirmaund commanding them to send either Baguer Caun or his head thither— Troops would have been sent from thence had not the Allies given the strongest assurances that they were fully sufficient to subdue him; their numbers already are said to be 3,000 besides considerable Parties that are on their way to join them from Cazaroon and Hesht, the latter led by Esol Beg— but hitherto they have only surrounded Baguer Caun's fort at about 4 Miles distance, for the want of Cannon to lay closer siege to it, the Carriages for which are preparing here—

Letters from Shaik Nassir dated at Congoon the 21st mention that he was coming hither by Sea and would sail the day after, so that it is surprising he is not yet arrived as the winds have been favourable for him—

The Inhabitants of Bushire have most Providentially been preserved from greater Calamities than they were aware of, through the presumptuous hopes of Baguer Caun that he should be confirmed from Schyras in the Government together with his precipitate retreat from hence— For in case of disappointment therein as he certainly would have been; it is beyond a doubt that he wrote to the Chaub advising of his having taken Bushire, desiring at the same time he would sail on Carach and send some of his Gallivats to his aid, on which he pro[...]



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to embark all the plunder to be conveyed thither and shared equally between them, and to which he would also retire should he afterwards find Bushire not tenable — That letter was forwarded by the way of Delime where some of the Chaub's Gallivats have lately been, after which, or on the 22nd 6 or 8 of them were seen from Carrack passing to the southward; and from this intelligence the 3 Gallivats belonging to Bunderick and Genowa left this place this morning and went after them, to prevent any designs they may have formed of attacking Shaik Nassir —

I am with esteem

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
26th July 1779. ℔ Saloon Carrachy —
No. 40.

Gentlemen,

Since my last of the 26th Ultimo as ℔ duplicate enclosed, I have been favoured with yours of the 20th on the 7th instant.

The 31st Shaik Nassir arrived here accompanied by Shaik Saquer of Alharam with his 2 Gallivats, Shaik Nasoor of Bareen with his own and the 2 Bushire Gallivats and the 3 Bunderick and Genowa Gallivats that went to meet the Shaik; making together a fleet of 9 Gallivats and 5 or 6 Dows — One of the Imaum's Ships came with him as far as Alharam when she sailed for Zebarra — But 2 Dows laden with Bushire property having separated from the fleet for want of water, were taken near Kishme by the Gallivats belonging to Shaik Abdallah of Ormuse —

Shaik Nassir obtained 1000 Men from the Caun of Dereistan and the parts adjacent who have since reached the Camp, whither the Shaik and other Chiefs repaired the 7th, and the joint forces are now closely besieging Baquir Caun in his principal fort with 3 or 4 large Cannon —

The report mentioned in my last of the Chaub's Gallivats being seen this way is proved to be groundless, and said to have arose from a Trankey with 50 of his people having touched at Delume intending to reinforce Baquir Caun had he been here, but learning he was gone they returned home again —

I am with esteem —

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
10th August 1779. ℔ Hamdan
No. 41.

Gentlemen,

My last was under the 10th instant.

Upon intelligence had that near 200 Men came in 7 boats from Tauny to the assistance of Baquir Caun who were landed at his fort close to the sea, the 12th three Gallivats sailed thither to intercept them

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رسالة رقم ٤٢ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش وجورج أبراهام، وكلاء في البصرة، من جون بومونت في بوشهر [٣٥] (٢/٢)

them should they attempt to return, and to stop the landing of further Succours

Some days ago Baqur Caun having come out of his Fort and consulted with Masoom Caun, Meer Ally and others, the 24th upon the Oaths of those Chiefs for the security of his Person he visited Shaik Nassir, promising to return the day following and throw himself upon his mercy by surrendering up his Forts, People and Effects to him, which neglecting to perform, caused the Shaik to suspect he was only trifling with him, as he used to embrace these opportunities for conveying Provisions into the Fort which the Shaik connived at— The 26th however he came again to Meer Ally and sent the Shaik a very false account of the Effects taken from Bushire, at which time some of the Genowa people to whom he was indebted for blood persuaded the Shaik to let them cut him off, being under great apprehension of his escaping, which they effected while he was sitting with Meer Ally; and with him fell 15 of his People besides 25 being made Prisoners who were saved by the Shaik, they having accompanied Baqur Caun thither and were his Chiefs and the best men he had—

Reis Hamet still holds the large fort endeavouring to make the best terms he can, but Shaik Nassir seems as if he would hear of nothing but their submitting at discretion— It is said that the greatest part of the Plunder which was deposited in the Fort near the Sea was yesterday restored to the Shaik— and there is little doubt but that every place under Baqur Caun's Government as well as the Tankseers will be totally reduced in a short time, if not the latter exterminated for their former cruelties; since the Arabs, the Zanganas and Dashty people thirst so much after their blood as to butcher them wherever they are found, one of whom fell by an Arab in cold blood this very morning in Bushire

It is said that disputes run very high at Schyras betwixt Abbul Fatee Caun and Sadoo Caun arising from their joint governing, nor is it thought they can be ended but by the sole power falling upon one of them— Reports from the interior parts of Persia are not more favourable, for it is asserted that Zolfaker Caun and the Sons of Hossein Caun have over-run the Northern provinces; and the differences of the two Schyras Chiefs have hitherto prevented their taking any effectual measures to stop their progress—

I am with esteem—

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
28th August 1779. ℔ Nassir Carachy
No. 42.

P.S. 30th August— The detention of the Boat permits me to add that the small Fort with another at Haram submitted to Shaik Nassir the 27th and to day Reis Hamet surrendered himself and the large Fort up to him—

John Beaumont

The same day Morad Caun with 100 Horsemen joined Shaik Nassir from Schyras, being come it is said to take all the Chiefs of these parts with him thither, and it is confidently asserted that Sadoo Caun has taken Abbul Fatee Caun Prisoner— 1st September

John Beaumont

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To
The Honourable William Hornby, Esq.re
President and Governor, &ca. Council, at Bombay.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

The Betsey Snow conveyed my last respects of the 23d of June, as ℘ duplicate enclosed—

With much concern I am now to inform your honour &ca. of the melancholy change that soon after took place here by the Tankseer people having suddenly got possession of Bushire, which they effected in the following manner—

In the confusion that succeeded Zackey Caun's death on the 14th of June, Reis Baqur Caun of Tanksecr, his Instrument in ill treating Sadoc Caun's Women which power he exercised with cruelty, made his escape from the Camp; and the 28th notice came here of his reaching Bunderick, whence it seems he dispatched news to Tanksecr— The evening of the 29th Reis Hamet Commander of his Troops altho' blind drew out of Tanksecr 2 to 300 Men intending as he said to advance and meet the Caun, when they were got clear of the Town he led them directly hither, by positive orders of the Caun as it was afterwards discovered; besides, having the instant before their march received advice from some of his people settled here that the two Bushire Gallivats had just sailed to go and convoy up Shaik Nassir, as certain accounts were had of his being on his passage from Muscat— It is true the Gallivats did weigh their anchors that afternoon but dropt them again almost directly after, on perceiving they were too late to be carried out by the ebb tide—

At 2 in the morning of the 30th I was awaked with the distressing news that these Banditti had made themselves Masters of the place by surprise without scarcely any opposition, as not above 12 or 15 were killed on either side; for by some unaccountable negligence the town wall was that night alone left unguarded and every body a sleep— Shaik Ally and the most of Shaik Nassir's people were on this event more intent on securing the Shaik's and their own Families and Effects on board the Gallivats whither they retired with 2 or 3 Merchants and at least 300 Men, than in defending or attempting to recover the place, which was so much weakened by that imprudent step and served to dishearten those left behind— The town was directly set on fire to throw the Inhabitants into confusion, and which burnt till day break consuming above 1000 huts— All that time Shaik Sadoon kept close in his house not daring to stir out though supported by near 200 Men armed with Musquets, when 50 brave fellows led on by a Man of Courage might have recovered the place, but altho' there were plenty of men ready to oppose the Enemy, the want of such a Commander to head them proved the loss of Bushire containing 10,000 people to a handful of Men!— Fear exaggerated the number of the Enemy far beyond what they afterwards appeared to be, or the town must soon have been retrieved for it is impossible to describe the

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consternation of every body on finding their Conquerors so few—

Day light presented nothing but devastation produced by the fire. for not an Inhabitant was to be seen in the Streets; the contrary to expectation the Enemy kept peaceable possession without hurting or plundering any one — At noon Shaik Sadoon was frightened from his house to swear jointly with Reis Hamet that both parties should remain quiet till Baqur Caun's arrival — This shameful treaty was no sooner concluded and Shaik Sadoon's person secured than a party of Arabs appeared to the assistance of Bushire, who killed 4 or 5 Tanksear people they met with at the watering place giving their horses water, which making free with and learning that the town was inevitably lost, they departed; not however without execrating Shaik Sadoon for his pusillanimity—

The 1.st of July Baqur Caun entered Bushire with about 200 Men declaring publickly that he fled from the fear of Sadoo Caun's resentment, and took possession of Bushire as a place of greater security for him than Tanksear, and promised with a seeming faith that the Persons and Effects of every body should be sacred, adding that he would govern with the strictest justice — The Inhabitants were obliged to surrender up their arms, people were employed in compleating the Fortifications and through his insinuations and their own fears the Moors, Armenians and Gentoo Merchants were severally induced to petition Abbul Fatee Caun to continue him in the Government, setting forth his taking this place and his subsequent behaviour towards them in the most favourable light—

The 2.nd the two Gallivats sailed to the southward in quest of Shaik Nassir — The day following all the poor Native Inhabitants of Bushire were turned out of the town and stript of every thing to make room for the Tanksear families, a few of whom including the Caun's and Reis Hamet's were arrived — Previous to this, one of Meer Ally's Captains having come here and demanded the late Shaik Ise's family and his Dow, they were delivered to him and he departed the 5.th for Bunderich, having assured me that Meer Ally so far from advising Baqur Caun to this capture when the latter was at his Bunder, as was suspected and which all the Tanksear people had positively affirmed that he was certain as soon as he returned, the Meer as well as the people of Genowa would repair to the relief of Bushire — by him I embraced the occasion of advising the Bussora Gentlemen of my disagreeable Situation &c.a

From that period nothing of moment happened till the 9.th when three Choppars arrived from Schyras with Abbul Fatee Caun's Phirmaund commanding Baqur Caun to restore every thing he might have taken from the Inhabitants, surrender the Town to Shaik Sadoon which he was immediately to quit, and repair with the Choppars to Schyras; or to stand to the consequences &c.a—

Finding the Country were all up in Arms and great preparations making to attack him both by Sea and land, apprehensive too that Troops from Schyras would soon follow the Choppars and that he should be shut up in this place with not above 500 Men and no possibility of escaping, but above all foreseeing that his own people would probably desert him if he continued much longer here since most

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of their Families were left exposed to the Arabs; were reasons that led him to resolve on quitting Bushire — The day after seizing two boats he dispatched them to one of his two forts near the Sea laden with the spoils of the Shaiks to the value it was said of 3 or 4 Lacks of Rupees chiefly belonging to Shaik Nasser, having plundered none other of the principal people — and the 11th at sun rise, to the inexpressible joy of the Inhabitants, he peaceably decamped with his people to Tanksear taking the Choppars with him, after some of his Rabble had broke open and stript a few Shops in the Bazar — having held the town but 11 days —

Thus were we most Providentially delivered from the power of a Rebel, who sure of losing his life if taken, might through despair have been driven to every act of cruelty — and it can hardly be doubted but this happy escape from such imminent danger will cause the Shaiks not only to use the necessary means for preventing the Town being surprised in like manner in future, but to render it more secure than if this misfortune had not happened — more especially, since by the Tanksear people's own confession they had made two such attempts in the cold weather, but returned on being assured by their spies that the Inhabitants were prepared for them, and the third time when they succeeded, Rees Hamet first sent 3 or 4 successive parties into the town who having all informed him the Gates were open, the wall unguarded and every body asleep, he was in the town before any knew of his coming except some of his people residing here, who betrayed the place by giving him notice of this carelessness and who fired the town the moment of his entrance; but since it's restoration they have every one been turned out of it —

During Bager Cawn's stay he forced the Merchants to pay him their Arrears of Customs amounting to 30 a 40,000 Rupees — and I was obliged to follow their example in making him and his principal People Presents to the value of between 3 and 4,000 Rupees, by his giving me to understand that he expected it; which I hope your Honour Cod. will approve considering my perplexed situation — He likewise plundered and destroyed to the foundation every house belonging to the Arabs in revenge for the hostilities committed by their Tribe in his Country; for they no sooner heard that he had fallen upon Bushire, than, making Shaik Nassir's cause their own, they arose, pillaged, laid waste and all in their power depopulated Tanksear and other Villages under his Government, sparing neither Age or Sex, and continuing these barbarities till Shaik Nassir's arrival put a stop to them — A Camp was formed of the Allies near Tanksear which the middle of July consisted of almost 3,000 Men, the Arabs having been joined by the people of Dashistan in general besides considerable numbers from Bunderich and Genowa commanded by the Meers Ally, Gunnos and Heyder —

The 12th two Bunderich Gallivats came to our assistance as did one from Genowa the 15th, when Shaik Sadoon proceeded to the Camp at the sollicitation of the Arabs, to head them and give a Sanction to their operations — Masoom Cawn of Genowa also joined them about the 22nd from Schyras — The 26th the 3 last mentioned Gallivats

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Gallivats sailed to meet Shaik Nassir and returned with him the 3rd accompanied by Shaik Saguir of Alharam with his 2 Gallivats and Shaik Nassoor of Boran with his own and the 2 Bushire Gallivats; making together a fleet of 9 Gallivats and 5 or 6 Dows — one of the Imaum's Ships came with the Shaik as far as Alharam when she sailed for Zebarra — But 2 Dows laden with Bushire property having separated from the fleet off Gombroon for want of water, were taken near Kishme by the Gallivats belonging to Shaik Abdallah of Ormuse —

Shaik Nassir engaged the Caun of Verdistan to assist him with 1000 Men who joined the Allies the beginning of this Month, and the 7th the Shaiks Nassir, Saguir and Nassoor repaired to them when the whole forces being upwards of 4000 Men with 5 or 6 large Cannon laid close siege to Baguer Caun in his principal Fort.

On receiving news that near 200 Men in 7 boats were come from Tanry (between Congoon and Alharam) to the assistance of Baguer Caun and were landed at his fort near the sea, the 12th three Gallivats sailed thither to intercept their return and stop the landing of further reinforcements — It is certain that Baguer Caun depended much upon succours from the Chaub whom he sollicited as soon as he got possession of Bushire, and altho' the Chaub was then engaged in a war with his Neighbours wherein he had greatly suffered, he testified his readiness to aid him by sending a Trankey with 50 Men for that purpose which having touched at Delume near the close of July and learning that the Caun had quitted his conquest they returned to Doorach —

Some days ago Baguer Caun having come out of his Fort and consulted with Masoon Caun, Meer Ally and others, the 24th upon the oaths of those Chiefs for the security of his Person he visited Shaik Nassir, promising to return the day after and throw himself upon his mercy by surrendering up his forts People and Effects to him; which failing to perform, caused a suspicion that he was seeking an opportunity to escape or at least but trifling with him, as he used to seize these occasions for conveying Provisions into the Fort which the Shaik connived at — The 26th however he came again to Meer Ally and sent the Shaik a very false account of the Effects taken from Bushire, at which time some of the Genowa people who had a demand of blood upon him persuaded the Shaik to let them cut him off, which they effected while he was sitting with Meer Ally; and with him fell 15 of his people besides 25 being made Prisoners who were saved by the Shaik, they having accompanied Baguer Caun thither, and were his Chiefs and some of the best Men he had —

The day after his small fort with another under his Government at Haram were given up to Shaik Nassir — and yesterday Reis Hamet surrendered himself and the large fort to the Shaik; which I have the pleasure to acquaint your honour &ca puts an end to the troubles in this neighbourhood —

Upon the whole, this disaster having befallen Bushire may be attributed to the unfortunate concurrent causes of Shaik Nassir's absence and Carem Caun's death with its consequences

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رسالة رقم ٤٣ إلى ويليام هورنبي، الرئيس والحاكم في مجلس بومباي، من جون بومونت في بوشهر [‎٤٠] (٥/٥)

For could the latter have been foreseen the Shaik would not have quitted Bushire and Bager Caun was doubly guilty in taking it, since he had promised to protect it agreeable to the Shaik's recommendation just at his departure— and the moment this event reached Schyras Choppars were dispatched to every part between Congoon and Gombroon to assist the Allies against that Rebel— they might have had any forces from Schyras, which they declined, as those Soldiers are too apt to prey upon those they are ordered to assist— To the Arabs the Bushire Merchants are indebted for the preservation of their property as well as for the sudden retreat of Bager Caun, for their quick invasion of his Country left him no secure place to convey the Effects to had he plundered the town, and obliged him to hasten to the protection of Tenksear—

I cannot however close this subject without expressing my best acknowledgements for the friendly concern shewn by the Bussora Gentlemen in my behalf, who I am sensible did every thing in their power for my relief, by writing letters to the Cauns of Genowa and Bunderick as well as to Bager Caun; besides sending an Armenian Merchant to Carack as also one of their Factory Servants hither to my assistance—

Soon after Zackey Caun's death, Ishmael Caun, who was said to be the original cause of the disputes betwixt Zackey and Sadoc Caun, was taken and slain together with his eldest son— Sadoc Caun entered Schyras the beginning of last Month— Before which period Abbul Futee Caun having discovered that his brother Mahomet Ally Caun was conspiring to cut him off, the latter has been confined to his house ever since and the intended Executioner put to death— It is now said that disputes run very high at Schyras between Abbul Futee Caun and Sadoc Caun from jealousies in their joint governing, nor is it thought they can be ended but by the sole power being fixed in one of them— Reports from the interior parts of Persia I am sorry to observe are not more favourable, for it is asserted that Zolfaker Caun and the sons of Hossein Caun have with separate forces over-run the northern provinces; and the differences of the two Schyras Chiefs have hitherto prevented their taking any effectual measures to stop their progress—

My last letters from Bussora were dated the 29th of July which contained no news— This address proceeds by a Bunderick Dow bound to Muscat— and I am with the greatest respect

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Your most Obedient humble Servant
John Beaumont

Bushire
30th August 1779. ℘ Bunderick Dow
Ally Naqueedah via Muscat.—

No. 43.

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Enclosed is a duplicate of my respects under the 30th of August

Since

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Since when every thing has been very quiet here, the different Troops assembled to subdue the Tankseers, having, on the surrendery of their Forts, all departed to their respective homes; and those Forts continue at present under the Government of Shaik Nassir –

By a Cossid who arrived two days ago from Schyras it is said that Sudoo Caun has assumed that Government on confining Abbul Fatee Caun for his intemperance, with the consent of the principal people – that tranquillity is restored, trade flourishing again and justice better administered than in the time of Caremcaun – no further mention was made of the Rebellions in the Northern provinces, whence it is concluded that affairs are not so bad in those parts as the former accounts represented them to be –

Letters from Bussora of the 10th instant give no recent Europe News, but say that Shaik Tamar has been defeated and slain by the Ghesaal Arabs and Shaik Twainey taken prisoner – That Soliman Aga being on this event invited to the Mussaleemship, he was arrived and encamped at Margil, whither the Mussaleem Namaun Effendi was gone to meet him in order as supposed to conduct him to Bussora – This misfortune has caused the Chaub to block up Bussora river again, and his Gallivats lately took a Barach boat bound thither with Bushire property; notwithstanding he is still engaged in a war with his Neighbours –

I am with the greatest respect

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Your most obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
16th September 1779 ℘ Bombrich
Dow India Staff via Muscat

No. 44

Honourable Sir and Sirs

My last respects were dated the 16th of September as ℘ duplicate enclosed –

Since then Ally Morad Caun of Ispahan having marched with 20 a 25,000 chosen troops against Zolfaker Caun; authentick accounts have come in that a bloody battle has been fought which held the whole day, when that Rebel was totally routed; after losing it is said upwards of 4000 Men killed in the engagement besides great numbers taken Prisoners – that Zolfaker Caun fled with a few of his people, but a large party being dispatched in pursuit of him, it is thought that he must soon be taken – and later news say that he is actually seized and put to death, but this wants confirmation – No mention is made of any other disturbances in Persia – Sudoo Caun maintains his power at Schyras and seems at present to be firmly established in the Government –

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رسالة رقم ٤٥ إلى ويليام هورنبي، الرئيس والحاكم في مجلس بومباي، من جون بومونت في بوشهر [‎٤٢] (٢/٢)

The 1st instant I was advised by the Bussora Factors under the 21st ultimo that they had transmitted your honour &ca by the way of Zebara and Muscat the following extract of a letter from his Majesty's Ambassador at the Porte dated the 24th of July; when they requested I would forward another copy thereof by the first opportunity from thence — viz.t

"Our Affairs with Spain are at last come to a Crisis. The Spanish Ambassador on the 16th ultimo gave in a paper to the Lord Viscount Weymouth, the purport of which amounts to a declaration of War, in consequence of which, His Excellency left the Kingdom, and our Ambassador at the Court of Madrid, is ordered to withdraw without taking leave — as this event has been long expected and not dreaded, the impression on the minds of the Public was very favorable, and both Houses of Parliament presented a very affectionate address to his Majesty, as soon as the Spanish Manifesto was notified."

They further confirmed the death of Shaikh Tamar, and added, that Shaikh Twainey who succeeded him, with the principal people of Bussora had invited Soliman Aga to take possession of that Government, and that he was accordingly expected to enter the town two days after or the 23 of September — The Ramazan and the feast succeeding it have prevented any fresher advises coming from thence, and afforded me no opportunity of addressing your honour &ca earlier on this occasion. —

Two of the Imaum's Ships with 4 or 5 Dingeys arrived here the 23d ultimo from Muscat and the 28th they sailed for Bussora.

I am with the greatest respect

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Your most obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
14th October 1779. p. Bunderick Dow
Amy Caun Noquedah
No. 45

To
Messieurs William Digges Latouche
and George Abraham, Factors at Bussora.

Gentlemen,

Since my last under the 1st of September I have been favoured with yours of the 21st on the 1st instant, and on the 14th I forwarded to our Superiors at Bombay a Copy of the Paragraph respecting the Spanish War, which went to Muscat by a Bunderick Dow being the first that sailed thither after the Feast of Ramazan —

It is certain that Zolfaker Caun with his army have been totally routed by Ally Morad Caun, when after a loss of 4,000 Men killed in Battle and great numbers taken prisoners, Zolfaker Caun made his escape —

The 18th instant imported here the Ship

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رسالة رقم ٤٦ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش وجورج أبراهام، وكلاء في البصرة، من جون بومونت في بوشهر [٤٣] (٢/٢)

Fort William Captain Charles Baker from Calcutta after a tedious passage of about six Months, which she left the 27th of May without touching any where excepting Muscat, having a Cargo of Piece Goods and Gruff; and Captain Baker proposes returning to India in about 20 days, and to Bombay provided he can get any freight for that place — Captain William Gowland formerly Commander of one of the Hon^ble Company's Ships came passenger on her in his way to Europe, and he now proceeds to Bussora by boat.

I am with much esteem

Gentlemen,

Your very obedient humble Servant,

John Beaumont

Bushire
22nd October 1779. ᵖ Capt. Gowland, ᵖ Summa,

N.° 46.

To The Honourable William Hornby, Esq.re
President and Governor, &ca. Council at Bombay.

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

The 11th of October was the date of my last respects as ᵖ duplicate enclosed —

On the 18th thereof imported here the Ship Fort William Captain Charles Baker from Bengal with a Cargo of Piece Goods and Gruff, which having disposed of, she now departs bound for Bombay. Captain William Gowland came passenger on her, who proceeded to Bussora by boat in his way to Europe —

Finding it impossible to avail my self of your honour &ca. indulgence for expending 600 Rupees annually upon this Factory, since that sum alone could not afford even a shelter from the inclemencies of the weather, from the nature of the building, considering that the dwelling Apartments are all upon Warehouses, and the whole pile rotten to the foundation, some parts whereof are actually tumbling down, from whence may be readily conceived the danger of residing in them during the Rains — Thus circumstanced I was, for my own safety, reduced to the necessity of having as many of them pulled down to the Ground as would make room enough to build in their stead a large Warehouse and over it a small Hall, Bedchamber and Verandas; which I flatter my self your honour &ca. will think no more than decently sufficient, and also approve, when I assure you that the Charges of this new building, which was begun in June and now almost finished, will be but about 2000 Rupees; at the same time that it will render any further great Repairs unnecessary —

Since my last advices have come in that Zolfaker Caun's head with those of two other Cauns have been received at Schyras — also that Alley Morad Caun intends wintering with his Army encreased then to 60,000 Men, in the Northern provinces to prevent any further disturbances —

The Chaub having promised Soliman Aga Mussaleem of Bussora that he would no longer interrupt its trade, the 31st ultimo I received their declarations to that effect, which were shewn to the Shaik and Merchants here; and in consequence thereof

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the Bushire Fleet is pre[paring] to sail for Bussora—

The Bushire Merchants having of late wished much for the arrival of Woolens, I hope it will soon suit your honour &c. to furnish me with a supply of the proper sortments, which I have no doubt of meeting with a ready vend provided the present tranquillity of Persia continues undisturbed; and I am the more anxious for such a supply as it will enable me to discharge a debt of about Rupees 7,000 principal I have been obliged to contract on account the honourable Company, for carrying on my Disbursements, since no money can be had any way here from Bussora without a loss of at least five ℔ Cent by the Exchange—

Captain Baker has at his own request been supplied with the Loan of four (4) Water Casks, being the Remains of those left here last year by the Eagle, as ℔ his receit enclosed, whereby he engages to be accountable for them to your honour &c.

By the Fort William is forwarded a second set of Bushire General Books for the year ending the 30th of April last— and my monthly Accounts from June to October inclusive are also enclosed— as likewise a Packet I received the 10th instant from the Bussora Factors for your honour &c.—

I am with the greatest respect

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
20th November 1779. ℔ Ship Fort William—

No. 47.

To Messieurs William Digges Latouche and George Abraham, Factors at Bussora.

Gentlemen,

Your favour of the 30th of October I received the 10th instant, with the Packet accompanying it for the honourable the President and Council of Bombay, which was forwarded under the 20th by the Fort William bound to the Presidency— Captain Baker disposed of his Cargo here amounting to about 45000 Rupees

Zeki Khan Caun's head with those of two other Cauns have been received at Schyras; and it is said that Ally Morad Caun intends wintering with his Army then encreased to 60,000 Men, in the Northern provinces to prevent any further disturbances— also that Soodoo Caun maintains his power at Schyras and seems at present to be firmly established in the Government—

I am with esteem—

Gentlemen,

Your very Obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
20th November 1779. ℔ Hamdan

No. 48.

Gentlemen



Gentlemen,

Since my last of the 29th of November I have been favoured with yours of the 1st and 20th ultimo – the former on the 22nd and the latter accompanying a packet for our Superiors at the Presidency the 31st, since when no opportunity has offered for forwarding it to Muscat, but it shall go in 2 or 3 days by a Dow preparing to sail thither —

I am very glad to hear of the honours conferred upon Soliman Bacha chiefly through your means, and hope he will in consequence shew you every grateful return in his power — and I greatly thank you for the Europe &ca news you favoured me with from our Ambassador at the Port

It is with concern I am to inform you that Persia is again threatened with further troubles from Ally Morad Caun who has thrown off his allegiance to Sadoo Caun and acting in opposition to him under the pretence of fixing Abbul Fateh Caun in the Government – he has been led to this, it is said, for being disappointed in marrying the late Vakeel's daughter agreeable to Sadoo Caun's promise, who afterwards gave her to one of his younger Sons —

Ally Morad Caun is at present at Ispahan with his army waiting 'till the winter is over to approach towards Schyras, in about 2 Months hence – Jaffier Caun quitted Ispahan abruptly when Ally Morad Caun was drawing near that City, and has returned to Schyras, where Sadoo Caun is making every preparation to receive Ally Morad Caun —

One of Sadoo Caun's Sons has lately seized upon Baboon which before had acknowledged Abbul Fateh Caun – and he is using every means to encrease his Army there —

You will receive this by the Ranger Lieutt Joseph Alderson who imported here last night – and I am with much esteem —

Gentlemen,

Your very Obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont.

Bushire
2nd February 1780 ⅌ Ranger
No. 49.

To
The Honourable William Hornby, Esqre
President and Governor, &ca Council, at Bombay.

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

By the Ranger Snow Lieutenant Joseph Alderson I was favoured with your Commands, of the 31st of December and the Extracts of the honourable Company's Commands accompanying them – She imported here the evening of the 1st instant and sailed the next morning for Bussora. —

Since my last respects by the Fort William, I am sorry to inform your honour &ca that Persia is again threatened

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threatened with fresh troubles from Ally Morad Caun, who altho' his Mother is married to Sadoc Caun, has thrown off his allegiance to him, under the pretence of fixing Abbul Fatee Caun in the Government — caused it is said by being disappointed in marrying the late Vakeel's daughter, as Sadoc Caun had promised, and afterwards gave her to one of his younger Sons —

In pursuance to that plan Ally Morad Caun is arrived with his Army at Ispahan waiting for the Spring to draw near to Schyras, which the cold weather and want of forage will not admit of before April — Jaffier Caun quitted Ispahan abruptly when Ally Morad Caun came near that City and returned to Schyras with very few followers for most of his Army deserted to his Brother in law — in the mean time Sadoc Caun has imprisoned Ally Morad Caun's family and plundered his house at Schyras, where he is making every preparation against the other's approach — but as two Months must elapse before operations can be commenced, it is to be hoped previous to that period, some means may be found to reconcile them —

One of Sadoc Caun's Sons has lately seized upon Baban which before had acknowledged Abbul Fatee Caun — and 'tis reported he has encreased his Army there to 20,000 Men —

Having compleated the New building to this Factory for about 2,000 Rupees as I advised your honour &ca. by the Fort William, previous to the Rainy season I was under the necessity of covering it before it was sufficiently dry; and it is with concern I relate the consequence from the uncommon violence of the Rains here this year, much more so than I ever saw at this place, which caused the Arches of the Viranda and that in the Hall to give way so much that they were obliged to be taken down to prevent their falling; and I fear an extra charge of 5 or 600 Rupees must now be incurred to rebuild them — Many buildings have suffered greatly from the same cause, which has destroyed a fourth part of this rotten Factory, and the rest is in danger of falling from every shower.

As it seems very uncertain when I shall receive a supply of Woolens, (which the Merchants hoped were come on the arrival of the Ranger, notwithstanding the gloomy prospect they have of further civil Wars so destructive to Trade) and seeing no other resource to repay the debt I have been obliged to contract here to carry on my disbursements amounting to about 11,000 Rupees, than by drawing upon your honour &ca., since my last respects advised you that no money could be had from Bussora without a loss of five ℔ Cent; I have taken the liberty of drawing upon you at 30 days sight for 10,000 Bombay Rupees on account the honourable Compy. in favour of Messieurs Edward Ravenscroft and James Beck, at 100 Bombay Rupees for 105 Persia are Persia Rupees 10,500 — which I hope will be duly honoured, as it puts an immediate stop to the Interest that was running on upon it of one ℔ Cent ℔ month which is never less here; since account Current Bombay will have Credit for that sum under this day's date —

Finding my self in but an indifferent state of health from the severity of this Climate, I humbly request your honour &ca. that I may be relieved and have permission to return

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to the Presidency; after residing twelve years in this Gulph—

By a Dow bound to Muscat, accompanying this address is forwarded a packet for your honour &ca. which I received from the Bussora Factors the 31st of January—and am with the greatest respect—

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Your most obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
5th February 1780. ℘ Bunderich Dow Abdalla Saaf

No. 50.

To
The Honourable William Hornby, Esqre.
President and Governor, &ca. Members of the Select Committee,
at Bombay.

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

The 1st instant I was favoured with your Commands of the 31st of December by the Ranger Snow Lieutenant Joseph Alderson, to which you may depend upon my paying the most punctual obedience—

I am with the greatest respect

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
5th February 1780. ℘ Bunderich Dow Abdalla Saaf

No. 51.

To
Messieurs William Digges Latouche and George Abraham, Factors, at Bussora.

Gentlemen,

I take the first opportunity to advise you, since my last of the 2nd ℘ Ranger, that your Packet for our Superiors at the Presidency was forwarded the 5th to Narrondass by a Bunderich Dow bound to Muscat; being with much esteem—

Gentlemen,

Your very Obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
20th February 1780. ℘ Shaik Ices Dow—

No. 52.

Gentlemen,

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Gentlemen,

Since my last of the 20th of February I have not been favoured with any of your's ~

The 24th instant imported here the Ship Yarmouth Captain William Wilson and Snow Bombay Merchant Captain Charles Vertue with Cargoes of Piece Goods and Gruff from Calcutta — and the 28th arrived the Eagle Snow Captain Adam Shirreff from Bombay, having on board William Petrie Esqre of Madras with a packet for the honourable Company —

The Eagle and Bombay Merchant now proceed to Bussora, as will the Yarmouth in a few days; and I am with esteem ~

Gentlemen,

Your very Obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
30th April 1780. ⅌ Eagle.
No. 53.

To
William Digges Latouche Esqre
Resident, at Bussora.

Sir,

My last went by the Eagle under the 30th of April.

In the afternoon of the 16th she anchored in this inner road, and one of her Officer's having come on shore I immediately repaired on board of her, where I found Mr George Abraham, Mr William Petrie and Captain Adam Shirreff very ill of the Bussora Fever — Mr Abraham at his own particular request, altho' he was in the most danger, was brought a shore with me that night, and it is with the utmost regret I relate that after having languished here 'till the next night, he departed this life at about 11 o'Clock — Mr Petrie and Captain Shirreff were landed the following morning, the former is very weak tho' in a fair way of recovery, and proposes staying here to embark upon the first Vessel that sails for India.

You will receive this by the Eagle now on her return to Bussora, and I am with much esteem ~

Sir,

Your very obedient humble servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
22nd June 1780. ⅌ Eagle.
No. 54.

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To
The Honourable William Hornby Esq.re
President and Governor, &c.a Council, at Bombay.

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Since my last respects of the 5th of February I have been favoured with your Commands of the 16th of March and the Extracts of the honourable Company's Commands accompanying them. They came by the Eagle Captain Adam Shirreff which imported here the 28th of April and sailed on the 30th for Bussora.—

The 24th of that month arrived here the Ship Yarmouth Captain William Wilson with Mr. William Browne her Owner, and the Bombay Merchant Snow Captain Charles Vertue; both from Bengal and the Mallabar Coast, laden with Piece Goods and Gruff chiefly for the Bussora market— The Bombay Merchant accompanied the Eagle to Bussora; and the Yarmouth sailed thither the 8th of May after disposing of her Gruff here.—

On the 16th of June the Eagle came here to try the change of air for William Petrie Esq.re and Mr. George Abraham, who were on board her dangerously ill, besides Captain Shirreff and most of the Vessels Crew, of an epidemical fever that raged violently these heats at Bussora and proved fatal to many— Mr. Abraham was at his own particular request brought a shore that night, and it is with much regret I relate that he languished here only 'till the night following, when he departed this life. It pleased God to give a favourable turn to Mr. Petrie's fever, not however till it had reduced him to the brink of the grave, whence his recovery was so exceeding slow from extreme weakness, that he found himself totally unable to return to Bussora, and was therefore obliged to be left here on the Eagle's sailing thither the 22nd with the Captain and her people in a fair way of recovery; when Mr. Petrie was under the necessity of desiring Mr. Latouche to forward the Packets committed to his charge for the honourable Company—

The 26th of the same month I received ꝑ Dow from Bussora a Packet for your honour &c.a, which I conclude contains a Europe one as the people of the Dow were ordered to put it on board the Eagle had they seen her, in which case she was probably to have sailed directly for India— by the Dow came also seven Seepoys for embarking on the Eagle—

Salla Chellaby's Ship the Islambole from Surat anchored off this Port the 10th instant in her way to Bussora.—

The Eagle having returned hither the 14th instant, by her is forwarded the beforementioned packet; and Mr. Petrie, as also the seven Seepoys, take their passage on her for Bombay.—

By her is likewise forwarded a set of Bushire General books for the year ending the 30th of April last, by which it

appears



appears that the honourable Company sustain a loss by this settlement of Rupees 9,124. 1. 12 — the whole Charges during that time being Rupees 14,585. 4. 10 which encrease is chiefly owing to 3,780 Rupees being unavoidably distributed in Presents to Bager Caun and his People on their taking this place; and about 2,000 Rupees expended in rebuilding decent apartments to reside in — The sum of Rupees 4,385. 4. 6 was collected for Customs in that period, but the Freight on Pearl and Treasure for India fell greatly short being no more than 700 Rupees; since no Cruizer but the Success Ketch sailed from hence to the Presidency in all that time. —

When the Ranger arrived here I received a Naique and five Seepoys, and her sudden departure to Bussora prevented my getting another Seepoy to compleat the number, but having received one from the Eagle, the former Naique and five Seepoys are now returned on her, and enclosed is a list of their names and pay. —

A terrible Earthquake a few months ago destroyed every building in the city of Tavris and it's adjacent Villages, some of which it is said were swallowed up; and as this dreadful calamity happened at night, it is computed that 50 @ 60,000 people perished. —

Persia continues in the same undetermined state as set forth in my last respects — Ally Morad Caun remaining inactive at Ispahan, and Sadoc Caun at Schyras — tho' the latter's son Ally Nacqy Caun marched some days ago from thence with 12,000 Men towards Yezd as it is conjectured — If however no decisive Action takes place before the close of September, when the Season for Operation ends, nothing conclusive can then be done till next May. —

From these troubles partly, this Gulph is in great confusion — The Imaum continues at War with Shaik Rashed — Shaik Abdalla of Ormuze is at War with the people of Charack — As is also Shaik Sagur of Albaram with the Taurea people, which latter place the former has lately burnt — The Zebarra and Grain people are at War with the Chaub — and Bunderich was a few days ago accidentally consumed by fire. —

Some of Shaik Rashed's people came here not long ago proposing to make a peace with Shaik Nasser, but having no authority to restore the Expedition and other Restitutions that were demanded, they returned without effecting any thing. —

The freight of Treasure and Pearl shipped on the Eagle amount to Rupees 1,034. 2. 18 as ⅌ enclosed Manifest, which being payable in India I shall debt the Presidency for three fourths thereof or Rupees 775. 4. 14 —

The monthly Accounts from November to June inclusive are likewise enclosed — and I am with the greatest respect —

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

List —

Bushire
15th July 1780. ⅌ Eagle.
No. 55.

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List of Seepoys came from Bombay the 8th February 1777 were landed from the Revenge for Bushire Factory Guard the 15th September 1777 and returned to Bombay ℘ Eagle Snow the 15th July 1780 having received twenty one (21) Months pay, at the rate of Seven (7) Rupees ℘ Month to the Naique and Six (6) Rupees ℘ Month to each Seepoy viz.

Shaik Solamon	Naique
Rushum	Seepoy
Shaik Ikram	Do
Sultan	Do
Sardar Caun	Do
Balla	Do (came from Bussora for Mobart who went thither) received 9 Months pay at Bussora and 12 months pay at Bushire.

N.B. Nallee Seepoy who died the 10th June 1779 had received 13 Months pay.

Bushire 15th July 1780.

No. 56. Eagle

John Beaumont

Manifest of Treasure, Pearl &ca. Freight laden at Bushire on the Eagle Snow Lieutenant Joseph Alderson the 15th July 1780.

Marks	By Whom Shipped	To Whom Consigned	Where to be delivered	Quality	Quantity	Value	Freight ℘ Cent	Freight received at Bushire	Do Freight to be pd at Bombay	Total Freight
D.P.	John Beaumont	Stephen Iveson & Dady Nasserwanjee	Bombay	Silver	4 bags	9,006	3		270.18	
MC&PA	Do	Mary Cross	do	do	1 do	2,969	do		89.7	
H.I.	Do	Hirjee Jewanjee	do	Gold	1 do	1,900	do		57	
R.H.B.	Do	John Griffith	do	do	1 do	527	freight free			
A.	Yapreanos	Coja Zachary	do	Gold & Silver	4 do	6,450	3		193.2.10	
B.	Do	Mary Cross	do	do	3 do	5,080	3		152.2	
C.	Isaac Ibraim	Lewis Baretto	do	Gold	1 do	1,581	3		47.2.3	
D.	Hodjee Baba	Himself	do	Gold & Silver	8 do	7,500	3		225	1,034.2.12
						35,013				
		Deduct the amount freight free				527				
					Rupees	34,486	at 3 ℘ Cent are Rupees			1,034.2.12

Bushire 15th July 1780

Errors Excepted

Sd. (signed) Joseph Alderson

Having received no part at Bushire of Rupees 1,034.2.12 freight money.

No. 57. Eagle

To

Lieutenant Joseph Alderson in command of the Eagle Snow.

Sir,

You are hereby directed to receive on board the Eagle a Turk and his Servants and accommodate them suitably with a passage to Muscat as he is charged with letters from the Grand Signor for the Imaum

Wind

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying two packets and book packet to the honourable the President and Councill and follow their orders for your future proceedings — you are for the quicker dispatch to observe that one of the Packets contains Others of consequence from the honourable Company for their three principal Presidencys —

On your arrival at Muscat you are to receive from Narrondass a packet for the honourable the President & Council at Bombay which was dispatched by the Bussora Resident by the way of Zebarra the 1st of April and which Narrondass advised was laying there for the want of a conveyance — which you will deliver accordingly —

I wish you a pleasant and Speedy passage, and am,

Sir,

Your Loving Friend

John Beaumont

Bushire
15th July 1780. —

No. 58

To
William Digges Latouche, Esqr.
Resident at Bussora.

Sir,

Your favour of the 8th I received on the 14th by the Eagle, and the next day she was dispatched for India, Mr. William Petrie having taken his passage on her tho' in a weak condition. —

The packet from the honourable Company which you sent hither pr Dow was forwarded by the Eagle; and her Commander had the necessary directions for receiving your packet laying with Narrondass at Muscat; as also for accommodating the Turk and his Servants with a suitable passage thither, as he was charged with letters from the Grand Signor to the Imaum; and who embarked accordingly. —

Chellaby's Ship the Islambole anchored off this Port in her way to Bussora the 10th instant and she is daily expected to sail to your quarter. —

I am with much esteem

Sir,

Your very Obedient humble Servant

John Beaumont

Bushire
17th July 1780 pr Hossein Chauby

P.S. The seven Seepoys you sent hither pr Dow also took their passage on the Eagle —

No. 59 —

Sir

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رسالة رقم ٦٠ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش، المقيم البريطاني في البصرة، من جون بومونت في بوشهر [٥٣] (١/١)

Sir,

The 23d I received your favour of the 17th with the packet for our Superiors at the Presidency.—

My last of the 17th will have informed you of the dispatch of the Eagle on the 15th for India— and as her sailing the morning after left not the least probability of a boat's overtaking her before her quitting Muscat, I shall keep the packet here until the expected arrival of the Ranger.—

The Ship Islambole belonging to Chellaby left this Road for Bussora the 19th— and I am with much esteem.—

Sir,

Your very Obedient humble Servant
John Beaumont

Bushire
26th July 1780. ℘ Shaikh Nasoor's boat.—
No. 60.

To
The Honourable William Hornby, Esqr.
President and Governor, &c. Council at Bombay.

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

The arrival here of the Ranger Snow from Bussora the 23d in the evening gives me the opportunity of forwarding by her a duplicate of my last respects of the 15th ultimo ℘ Eagle, and also a Packet I received from the Bussora Resident the 23d thereof for your honour &ca. which unluckily was not brought here 'till 7 days after her sailing, otherwise it was intended to have been sent by her; and having then reason to expect the Ranger here shortly after, is the cause of it's being detained 'till now.—

On the 19th of July the Islambole belonging to Chellaby left this place bound to Bussora— and the Bombay Merchant having arrived from thence the 6th instant, she sailed the 10th bound directly for Madras and Bengal.—

Lieutenant Dickson having, in consequence of his own bad state of health and having but one Commissioned Officer on board, applied to me for a Pilot; he has been supplied with one for piloting the Ranger to Muscat.—

No Pearl or Treasure has been tendered me upon Freight for India by the Ranger— Nor have any material occurrences been received from the interior parts of Persia since my last respects.—

A Second set of the Bushire General Books for the year ending the 30th of April last goes by the Ranger— and I am with the greatest respect,

Honourable Sir and Sirs,
Your most Obedient humble Servant
John Beaumont

Bushire
25th August 1780. ℘ Ranger Snow.—
No. 61.

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رسالة رقم ٦٢ إلى الملازم أول جيمس ديكسون من جون بومونت في بوشهر [٥٤] (١/١)

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To
Lieutenant James Dickson in command of the Ranger Snow.

Sir,

Wind and weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying two packets and book packet to the honourable the President and Council and follow their orders for your future proceedings.—

You are for the quicker dispatch to observe that your passenger Captain Richard Scott is charged with a Commission of moment from the honourable Company which requires the utmost expedition to be used for his reaching Bombay.—

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage, and am

Sir,
Your Loving Friend
John Beaumont

Bushire
25th August 1780.
No. 62.

To
William Digges Latouche, Esqre.
Resident, at Bussora.

Sir

My last was dated the 26th of July, and learning that the boat which conveyed it, was stopt by the Grain people and detained at Grain on suspicion of having property on board belonging to the Chaub, enclosed you have the duplicate thereof.—

Your favour of the 15th August I received on the 23d by the Ranger, and the 25th she was dispatched for India with the Packet for our Superiors which you forwarded to me in hopes of it's overtaking the Eagle.—

Lieutenant Dickson being very ill when the Ranger arrived here, upon his application, he was supplied with a Pilot for Piloting his Vessel to Muscat.—

It is confidently said that a body of Troops under Ally Nacquy Caun were met the 19th ultimo somewhere betwixt Schyras and Ispahan by another body commanded by Ally Morad Caun's Generals; when a considerable party of heavy Musqueteers of the latter deserted to the former before they came to action, which caused the rest immediately to run away towards Ispahan, and they were pursued by Ally Nacquy Caun and his forces; after sending the deserters that had joined him towards Schyras — but the particulars have not arrived.—

I am with much esteem
Sir
Your very Obedient humble Servant
John Beaumont Sr.

Bushire
5th September 1780. pr Hodjee Rashed's Dow.—
No. 63.

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رسالة رقم ٦٤ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش، المقيم البريطاني في البصرة، من جون بومونت في بوشهر [٥٥] (١/١)

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Sir,

I wrote you under the 5th by Hodjee Rasheds Dow: & foregoing duplicate.—

Letters that have arrived since from Schyras mentio[n] when Ally Morad Caun received the news of the revolt of part of his Troops at Cushkeezar, he dispatched 12,000 Men Commanded by Achba Caun (who ma[de] his escape sometime ago from Schyras and fled to him) to Cumeshar, whithe[r] 2 days after he repaired himself with 12,000 heavy Musqueteers and 25,000 horse — These forces had no sooner joined than the heavy Musqueteers refused to follow any longer the fortunes of Ally Morad Caun, which mutiny extending to part of the horse, Ally Morad Caun with about 1,000 Men withdrew secretly from the Camp and returne[d] to Ispahan, and having taken from thence his family and Effects, it [is] said he is fled towards Hamadan — Achba Caun with two other Caun[s] and about 1,000 Men each have likewise fled, some say with Ally Mora[d] Caun, but whither is uncertain; the rest of the Troops have dispersed and returned home.—

Upon this revolution Sadoo Caun has ordered Ally Nacquy Caun to proceed to Ispahan, where his stay is limite[d] to 10 days to settle the Government, and then he is to go in pursui[t] of Ally Morad Caun — Hodjee Mahomet the former Caun of Ispaha[n] was preparing to set out from Schyras to resume that Government.

I am with much esteem

Sir,

Your very Obedient humble Servan[t]

John Beaumon[t]

Bushire
11th September 1780 & Ben Shebibs Dow.—
No. 64.

Sir,

Mr. Beaumont wrote you last under the 11th of September.—

The 16th instant arrived here the Mercury Pa[ck]e[t] Captain George Forbes with 81 bales of Broad Cloth, 100 of Long Ells and 2 of Shalloons for this Market — and she is now dispatched to Bussora.—

In consequence of Mr. Beaumonts request for being relieved from this Residency Mr. Edward Galley came on the Mercury to succeed him, and Mr. Beaumont intends return[ing] by her to India.—

You are informed by the last advices that Ally Morad Caun had fled and Ally Nacquy Caun was shortly to pursue him — they have since had an engagement to the Northward of Ispah[an] when Ally Nacquy Caun, through the previous desertion of most of his troops, was totally defeated, and has since returned with the few that escaped to Schyras; in consequence of which the Victo[r] has again possessed himself of Ispahan.—

The Yarmouth imported here the 17th and will sail in a day or two for India.—

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We are with much esteem

Sir,

Your very Obedient humble Serv.ts

John Beaumont.

Edward Galley,

Bushire

20th November 1780. ⅌ Mercury Packet.—

P.S. We have the pleasure to add, that since closing the foregoing, we have disposed of the Broad Cloth and Long Ells, which came by the Mercury; as we doubt not we shall of the Shalloons likewise as soon as their length and breadth can be known.—

Ditto Die

We are, as before

John Beaumont.

Edward Galley,

N.° 65.

To

Captain George Forbes

Commander of the Ship Mercury

Sir,

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh Anchor and make the best of your way to Bussora, where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Resident and follow his orders for your future proceedings.—

We wish you a pleasant passage, and are

Sir,

Your very Obedient Servants

John Beaumont,

Edward Galley

Bushire

20th November 1780

N.° 66.

To

The Honourable William Hornby, Esq.re

President and Governor, &c.a Council, at Bombay.

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Mr. Beaumont's last respects went by the Ranger Snow under the 25th of August, as ⅌ duplicate enclosed.—

The 16th instant at night imported here the Ship Mercury, which brought your honour &c.a commands of the 26th of July together with the Woolens, Medicines and Stationary—and on the 20th she was dispatched for Bussora.—

Mr. Edward Galley arrived on her to receive charge of this Residency from Mr. Beaumont, who thanks your honour &c.a for this indulgence of relieving him; and he intends returning to India by the Mercury.—

That Ship having met with very bad weather in her tedious passage hither, the Commander and Officers were induced to protest against the damage caused thereby to the Woolens; which we are sorry to advise have suffered considerably.—

We have however the pleasure to notice that they met with an immediate vend before they were all landed,

notwithstanding



notwithstanding the troubles of Persia are in as bad a state as ever and we doubt not but the Shalloons also will go as soon as they can be opened and measured; their length and breath not being inserted in the Invoice — Your honour &ca. will better judge of this sale from the following statement of their Cost and price produced — viz.

	Cost	Sold for	
Medley Coarse Rupees	3. 2. 3	4. 3. —	℔ Guz Shaw
Fine Cloth	3. 4. 19	4. 2. 10	D°.
Coarse Cloth	2. 4. 16	2. 3. 15	D°.
Worsters	2. 3. 14.	3. 1. 5	D°.
Perpetuanses	19. 4. 4	21. —	℔ Piece

Those prices are all of the former standard, except the Coarse Cloth, which being invoiced at more than usual, it was with the utmost difficulty that we prevailed on the Merchants to take it at one quarter of a Rupee advance, it having been before sold at Rs. 2½ ℔ Guz

Since the last advices, Ally Nacquy Caun having proceeded with a body of forces towards Ispahan, he was met by another belonging to Ally Morad Caun, when the greatest part of the latter having deserted over to the former, the news caused almost a general desertion of all Ally Morad Caun's troops, that he was obliged to quit Ispahan and fly towards Hamadan with not above 3 or 4000 men — Ally Nacquy Caun took possession of Ispahan and then went in pursuit of him, soon after which an engagement ensuing, Ally Nacquy Caun, through the previous desertion to the other side of most of his Troops, received a total defeat, and has since return'd with the few that escaped to Schyras; in consequence of which the Conqueror has again possessed himself of Ispahan.

The Yarmouth having arrived here the 17th on her way to India gives us the opportunity of sending this address and inclosing you our monthly accounts from July to October inclusive, and we are with the greatest respect. —

Honourable Sir and Sirs,

Your most Obedient humble Servants —

John Beaumont
Edward Galley

Bushire
23d November 1780. ℔ Ship Yarmouth.
N°. 67.

To
The Honorable William Hornby Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council at Bombay.

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

Our last respects went under the 23d. Novem. ℔ Ship Yarmouth, as ℔ duplicate inclosed —

Hitherto we have not been able to bring the Merchants to offer a saving price for the Shalloons; should we however be disappointed in the hopes we have at present of their taking them, we shall consign

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رسائل رقم ٦٨-٦٩ إلى ويليام هورنبي، الرئيس والحاكم، مجلس بومباي، من جون بومونت وإدوارد جالي في بوشهر [٥٨] (٣/٢)

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the Resident at Bussora —

Having opened and delivered the Woollens sold, that came by the Mercury, we are sorry to notice that the great damage they sustained in the passage rendered us obliged to make an allowance for it of no less than 3,132 Rupees, notwithstanding which we have the satisfaction to observe, that there is still a gain of 2,319 Rupees on their sale — and we doubt not of meeting with a ready and profitable vend for more, when it suits your Honor &ca to send them —

The Mercury having arrived here in the evening of the 26th from Bussora, we have used the quickest dispatch that the collecting the money, and the dirty weather, would allow for forwarding her to India — having laden upon her Rupees thirty eight thousand and one Mamoody (38,000. 1. —) consigned to your Honor &ca on account the Honorable Company, and for which the Presidency is debited, as ℘ Invoice and bill of lading inclosed —

The Freight of treasure and Pearl shipped on the Mercury amount to Rupees 690. 3. 12 as ℘ Inclosed Manifest; which being payable in India the Presidency shall be debited for three fourths thereof or Rupees 518. — 4 —

Nothing has taken place in the affairs of Persia since our last respects, Ally Morad Caun continuing in possession of Ispahan and the Northern Provinces, while Sadoo Caun governs Schiras and those parts —

Mr John Beaumont having delivered over charge of this Residency to Mr Edward Galley, under the 30th November — the former now takes his passage for Bombay on the Mercury; having received his diet money to the 30th of November, and his Salary to the 30th of last June; but no passage money —

Fakeer Mahomet Naiquee of the Factory who arrived last year ℘ Ranger, being desirous of going to Bombay he now proceeds on the Mercury; having prevailed upon Mellick Hiat Mowar Naique on board that Ship to supply his place here; the former having received at Busheire during his stay, six months pay, or forty two Rupees —

Inclosed are also our Monthly Accounts for November, which include the Account Sale of the Woollens — and as the Disbursements for the month, with the supplies to the Mercury will amount to about 3,000 Rupees, a balance will remain here of about 5,000 Rupees for the future Disbursements — We are with the greatest respect

Honorable Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servants

John Beaumont Edward Galley

[B]ushire

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Manifest of Treasure, Pearl &c.ª Freight laden at Bushire on the Ship Mercury Captain George Forbes the 31st December 1780. Viz.t

Marks	By whom shipped	To whom consigned	Where	Quality	Quantity	Value	rate of Freight	Freight rec'd at Bushire	Freight to be rec'd at Bombay	Total freight
Mary Cross	Aratoon Melcolm	Mary Cross	Bombay	Pearl	1 bale	4000.	3 p.Cent		120.	
PCB	Edward Galley	Patrick Crawfurd Bruce	d.o	Silver	1 bag	1,124.	d.o		33.3.12	
[mark]	John Beaumont and Edward Galley	The Hon.ble The President and Council	d.o	Gold and Silver	11 d.o	38,000.	Freight free			
Z.O.	Marcar	Zachary Owan John	d.o	Silver	1 d.o	400.	3 p.C.t		12.	
Moses Bagram	Moses Bagram	Himself, John Beaumont or Zachary	d.o	Jewels	1 box	17,500.	d.o		525.	690.3.1[2]
						61,024.				
		deduct the amount freight free				38,000.				
					Rupees	23,024.	@ 3 p.Cent are		Rupees	690.3.1[2]

Bushire the 31st December 1780.

Errors Excepted, p.r (Signed George Forbes)

Having received no part at Bushire of Rupees 690.3.12 freight m[oney]

No. 69.

To
Captain George Forbes
Commander of the Ship Mercury.

Sir,

Having received on board M.r John Beaumont with h[is] Servant, Necessaries &c. you are to afford him suitable accommodations in the passage to Bombay, and Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby direct[ed to] weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay; where on your ar[rival] you are to deliver the accompanying packet to the Honorable The President [and] Council and follow their Orders for your future proceedings. —

We wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and [are] with esteem,

Sir,
Your very obedient Servants
J. B. — E. G. —

Bushire
the 31st December 1780. —

No. 70.

To The Honorable William Hornby Esq.r
President and Governor &c.a Council at Bombay

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

Having closed our Packet to your Honor &c. on the [...] Ultimo, and a strong Southerly Wind preventing the Mercury's sailing; w[e have] the pleasure to add that the Merchants have this moment taken the Forty [bales] of Shalloons for seventy (70) Rupees p.r piece, which cost Rupees 65. 1. — ca[sh] payable on the close of the present Moon — but some allowance must be[en made] for the damage when delivered which we perceived they have received upon opening them — We are with the greatest respect,

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants
J. B. — E. G.

Bushire
the 2d. January 1781.

No. 71. —

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رسالة رقم ٧٢ إلى ويليام هورنبي، الرئيس والحاكم، مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [٦٠] (١/١)

To The Honorable William Hornby Esq.re
President and Governor &c.a Council at Bombay.

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

By a boat which arrived here the 7th Instant at night, I received from Mr Latouche at Bussora the inclosed packet to your Honor &c.a address'd. Mr Latouche had hopes that it would arrive in time to go by the Mercury; but in case of her departure, he then requested that it might be forwarded immediately by the safest and speediest conveyance; as it gave cover to dispatches from England for Sir Edward Hughes –

No accidental conveyance offering at this juncture; nor the probability of being more successful in a few days; I have freighted a good and well found boat belonging to Jebarra, for the sum of four hundred and fifty Rupees, and now forward the packet to Narrandas at Muscat: directing him, should the Mercury, and a ship belonging to Chellaby which passed by this Port about five days since, have both sailed, and no appearance of a good conveyance offering in a day or two for India; to forward it immediately to your Honor &c.a by boat Express –

Mr Robert Holford a Gentleman in the Danish service and furnished with a Danish Pass arrived here the 7th Instant from Bussora; He left Copenhagen in May last, came by the way of Aleppo and Bagdat, and means to proceed to Muscat and India by the first convenient opportunity.

No alteration has taken place in the affairs of Persia since our last respects of the 31st Ultimo and 2d Instant; the duplicates of which I have now the honor to inclose, and am with the greatest respect,

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servant
E. G.y –

Bushire
the 9th January 1781. – No 72.

To William Digges Latouche Esq.re
Resident at Bussora,

Sir,

The 29th Ultimo by the Mercury, we were favored with your letter of the 19th of the same month, and I have the pleasure to inform you that the Mercury sailed for Bombay the 2d Instant –

Her detention here was rather longer than we could have wished, but the collecting Coins proper for sending by her our balance of Cash and two or three days of Strong Southerly Winds prevented her going sooner.

Mr John Beaumont the late Resident embarked on her for India; before his departure he desired me to return you his sincere thanks for your kind wishes on his head; Permit me also to add that I think

myself

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رسالة رقم ٧٣ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش، المقيم البريطاني في البصرة، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [٦١] (٢/٢)

myself honored by your congratulations on my appointment to this Residency that I join in equal sincere thanks for the kind wishes you express for my success here —

I have the pleasure to inform you that a few hours before Mr Beaumont embarked, we disposed of the two bales of Shalloons of the Mercurys consignment which we informed you in our last had not been taken by the Merchants with the Broad Cloth and Long Ells — They sold for seventy Rupees ℔ piece,

I am with very great esteem
Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant
E. G.

Bushire
the 6th January 1781.

Sir,

The boat by which I intended sending the foregoing being yet here, affords me an opportunity of acknowledging the receit of your favor of the 28th Ultimo by Saffirs Dow, together with the Packet for our Honorable Superiors which accompanied it —

They arrived here the 7th Instant at night, and no accidental conveyance offering, nor even the prospect of one in a few days to convey the latter to Muscat, I immediately freighted a good and well found boat belonging to Sebarra, and I have the pleasure to advise you that she will sail for that place to morrow morning at day break —

I have inclosed the packet to Narrundas, and directed him should he see no probability of a good conveyance offering in a day or two for India, and the Mercury, and Chellabys ships which it is reported passed by this place about five days since, have both sailed; to forward it immediately to Bombay by boat express —

Mr Robert Holford arrived here the 7th Instant, and I believe means to proceed to Muscat by the first convenient opportunity —

I am with very great esteem,
Sir Your very obedient humble Servant
E. G.

the 9th January 1781.

No 73.

Sir,

My last to You was dated the 6th and 9th Ultimo, and went by a Dow belonging to Shaik Mahomed; since then I have not been favored with any of yours. —

It is with the greatest satisfaction I inform You that I this morning received letters from Narrundas and Coja Makiel an Armenian Merchant at Muscat at Muscat advising me of the Capture of Basseen by the Honorable Companys Forces: the news was brought to Muscat the 4th Ultimo by a Dingey from Khormean, but neither Narrundas nor Coja Makiel particularize

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رسالة رقم ٧٤ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش، المقيم البريطاني في البصرة، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [٦٢] (٢/٢)

the time that that important Place surrendered to us — The latter also adds that Hyder Ally had proceeded against Madras, that a considerable body of Forces had marched from Bengal to assist the Madras troops, and that in conjunction they had totally defeated the Army of Hyder, and obliged him to decamp — that his Majesty's Ships had proceeded to the Malabar Coast, and had either taken, sunk or burnt the whole of Hyder Ally's fleet consisting of Ships, Grabs, Gallivats &c. to the number of near two hundred Sail; and had burnt and destroyed every Sea Port on the Malabar Coast belonging to him. —

The Nairs also who had for some time besieged Tellicherry had been obliged to retreat from before that Place with very considerable loss —

I am sorry however to add to the above agreeable intelligence that by advices from Bombay received at Muscat the 19th December, they were informed of the Capture of the Bombay Merchant Captain Wither on her passage from hence to Bengal; she was taken off Cochin by two French Ships of War, the Passengers were landed at Cochin, and the French Ships sailed immediately for Columbo with their Prize; just before their arrival there, they were met by two of His Majesty's Ships which followed them into that place. The letter says that the Commanders of His Majesty's ships had demanded of the Dutch Government the delivery of the two French Ships with their Prize, but had been refused, and our ships remained at Columbo watching the motions of those of the French — The particular time of the Capture of the Bombay Merchant is not mentioned, nor the force of either of the Ships, nor when they arrived at the abovementioned Place. —

The boat which I dispatched to Muscat with your Packet for Bombay, inclosed in your letter of the 28th December, and which I have already acknowledged the receipt of; sailed from hence the 10th Ultimo, but having met with a very strong Southerly Wind she returned again the 12th, and the same Wind continuing to blow, it was not until the 16th in the morning before she again took her departure. —

Sadoo Caun it is said has sent to demand the assistance of all the Neighbouring Powers in order to proceed against Ally Morad Caun, who is at present in possession of Ispahan, on the approaching Norooze —

I am with much esteem,
Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant,
E: G:

Bushire
the 3d February 1781.

No. 14.

Sir,

A Dow belonging to Shaik Nasser carried you my last of the 3d Instant, and I have now the pleasure to advise you that the

Morning

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Morning Star Lieutenant Charles Pickett anchored at this place the 6th in the afternoon; she left Bombay the 16th January, and brings a confirmation of the agreeable News I before wrote you regarding the Capture of Basseen, which surrendered to General Goddard the 11th Ultimo after a very short Siege —

The remainder of the Woollens for this Market consisting of 40 bales of Broad Cloth, and 60 of Long Ells, have also been received by her; and I flatter myself they will meet with an equal speedy vend, as did the former consignment by the Mercury —

The very bad weather since the arrival of the Morning Star, has prevented the Woollens by her being landed before this afternoon, and she is now dispatched to You agreeable to the Honorable the President and Council's orders on that subject. I am with much esteem,

Sir,

Your very obedient humble Servant

E. G.

Bushire
the 8th February 1781 No. 75

To Lieutenant Charles Pickett
in Command of the Morning Star.

Sir. Wind and Weather permitting You are hereby directed to weigh Anchor, and make the best of your way to Bussora; where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying packet to Mr William Digges Latouche the Resident there, and follow his orders for your future proceedings —

I very sincerely wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am,

Sir,

Your very obedient humble Servant

E. G.

Bushire
the 8th February 1781. No. 76.

To The Honorable William Hornby Esqre
President and Governor &ca Council
of Bombay

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

The 6th Ultimo I was favored with your Honor & Commands of the 11th January by the Morning Star, together with Extracts from the Honorable Company's Commands, dated the 12th April 1780, and Invoice &c of Woollens by that Vessel.

Having compleated the landing of the Woollens the 8th in the afternoon, the Morning Star proceeded immediately for Bussora —

The 9th Instant I was informed of a Vessel having been seen in the Morning a few Miles to the Southward of this Port, which by boats since arrived from the Northward proves to have been the Morning Star from Bussora, and not having heard any thing of her since that Period, I conclude she was bound for India direct; being thus disappointed of addressing your Honor &c by that Vessel I embrace the present opportunity of a boat proceeding to Gebarreen to inform you of the above circumstances, and to convey to you the duplicate of my last respects of the 9th January

by

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رسالة رقم ٧٧ إلى ويليام هورنبي، الرئيس والحاكم، مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [٦٤] (٢/٢)

by Boat Express—

I flattered myself I should before this, have had the pleasure of informing your Hon. &c of the sale of the Woollens you indulged me with by the Morning Star, but I have not yet been able to bring the Merchants to take them, on account a deficiency of Scarlet in the Perpets, which are the Cloths the most in demand at this market: as the deficiency however is not very great and the Cloth is much wanted I have hopes they will still take it without my being under the necessity of making any allowance on this account.

I have the pleasure to inform your Honor &c that every thing remains quiet at this place; and no alteration having taken place in the Interior parts of Persia deserving your attention, beg leave to subscribe myself with the greatest respect,

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant.
E. G.

Bushire
the 15th March 1781.—

No. 77.

To William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora

Sir,

Inclosed is duplicate of a letter I did myself the pleasure of writing you under the 3d Ultimo by Shaik Nassers Dow, which was unfortunately lost at the entrance of your River on her passage to Bussora—

I would have taken an earlier opportunity of forwarding the duplicate abovementioned, had I not been assured that you had received the Original, and I am sorry to find by private letters just received from Bussora that this report was without foundation—

By a Galivat which arrived the 16th Instant, in thirteen days from Muscat, we are informed that every thing there was in the greatest confusion; that two of the Imaum's Sons had seized on the principal Forts of that Place, and had battered down the houses of the Governor and Walee— The Imaum was arrived at Muttara, had ordered all the Merchants and inhabitants of Muscat to bring their effects to that Place; and was preparing by force of Arms to reduce his Rebellious Sons to obedience: several lives had already been lost in petty Skirmishes; and it is wrote that the Merchants in endeavouring to remove their effects, had lost near three Lacks of Rupees—

I wrote you last by the Morning Star, and the 9th Instant She was seen from Bushire standing to the Southward—

Having no news from the interior parts of Persia deserving your attention I remain with much esteem, Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant
E. G.

the 18th March 1781

No. 78—

Sir,

The foregoing is duplicate of my last to you of the 1st Instant, and the inclosed is original of my letter to you of the 3d February by Shaik Nassers Dow which was returned me the 3d Instant having been found in

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in a box that was saved on the loss of that Vessel—

This will be delivered to you by Mr John Stewart, a Gentleman from Bengal on a Tour through Persia &c. He left Bombay the 24th February—

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Royal Admiral Captain Huddart from England, arrived at Bombay the 14th February. Captain Huddart parted Company with five Ships bound for China on his proceeding to Rio Janeiro; and in his passage from that place in the Latitude of 40° South and 60° East from London he spoke with five of the Honorable Company's Ships for Coast and Bay—

The affairs of Muscat are still in the greatest confusion; and it is said that Shaik Rashed of Julfar is proceeding with a large body of forces to the assistance of the Imaum's Sons— I am with much esteem.

Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servant,
E.G.

the 6th April 1781.

No. 19—

Sir.

The last letter I did myself the pleasure of writing You was dated the 6th April, and the 28th Ultimo and 12th Instant I was favored with Yours of the 11th April and 9th of May.—

The News of Our Rupture with Holland, is to this time a secret here.—

Neither the Packet from the Dutch Embassador for India, nor Mr Brue, have as yet made their appearance: and you may be assured I shall use my utmost endeavours to intercept any Packet that may come this way.

Your duplicate letter to the Commanders of any of the Company's Cruizers, I forwarded to Muscat by the way of Jebarra the 5th Instant.

Messieurs Eyles Irwin and John Richmond Smyth, having left this place some hours before the Packet for our Honorable Superiors at Bombay inclosed in yours of the 9th Instant arrived, I shall forward it to Muscat by the way of Jebarra, by a boat which will sail for the latter place in three or four days.—

It is said for certain that Shaik Rashed has left Julfar with a very considerable body of forces, in order to assist the Imaum's Sons.

Having no further news deserving your attention I remain with much esteem,

Sir.
Your very obedient humble Servant.
E.G.

Bushire
the 14th May 1781.

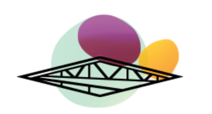
Sir.

Added to the foregoing.

I have the pleasure to inform You that the Betsy Captain William Morris, with a Freight Cargo of Piece Goods and Grain for this place and Bussora, arrived here yesterday evening. She left Surat the [illegible] Ultimo but has brought no packet from our Honorable Superiors: she will sail for Bussora in two or three days—

Private

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Private advices from India mention, that five Coast and Bay Ships which left England in June last, had arrived at Madras the 8th January — The 15th of the same month General Coote stormed a Strong Fort belonging to Hyder Ally called Carangola, and took it with great Slaughter; and the 24th following A French Fleet of Six Sail of the Line and three Frigates, appeared off Madras; they sailed afterwards for Pondicherry, but had no troops on Board for Hyder Ally — General Goddard was within fifty miles of Poonah, and an advantageous Peace with the Mhrattas was daily expected —

I am as above, E. G.

Bushire the 15th May 1781. No. 80.

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To The Honorable William Hornby Esqrs
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

Inclosed is duplicate of my last respects of the 15th March by the way of Sebarra, together with a packet for your Honor &c received from Bussora the 12th Instant at night —

Unfortunately Messieurs Eyles Irwin and John Richmond Smyth charged with Packets from the Honorable Company for India, had departed the morning of the same day; and as the Wind had been from the Northward all day, there was not the least probability of a small boat overtaking them, or I would have dispatched it after them; It now goes by the way of Congoon and Sebarra, and I have desired Bowanedass the late Brokers Executor, at Muscat to forward it to your Honor &c: by the first opportunity that may offer for India.

Messieurs Irwin and Smyth were accompanied by Captain Nicholls and Doctor Green; they left Bussora the 7th Instant, and intended to proceed to Muscat direct; but a contrary Wind having met them just off this Port, they were under the necessity of putting in here the day before —

I would have paid my respects to Your Honor &c by these Gentlemen, but the wind coming fair immediately after they landed they proposed embarking again without loss of time; and had it not been for the misconduct of the Noquedah of their Dow, would have sailed again the same Evening —

In a letter from Mr Latouche at Bussora dated the 9th Instant He informs me that he was in daily expectation of the arrival of Messieurs Paul Benfield, Gilbert Seton and James Woolly from Aleppo, with dispatches for India —

The Betsy Snow Captain William Morris with a Freight Cargo for Bussora and this Place, arrived here the 14th Instant, and sailed for Bussora the 18th

I have the pleasure to inform your Honor &c: that I have disposed of Seventeen bales of the late Consignments of Woollens, without any

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any deduction on account the deficiency of Scarlet; and that the Merchants are now agreeing for a further quantity on the same terms –

It affords me much satisfaction to inform you that every thing remains quiet at this place; and the last advices from the Interior parts of [illegible] mention nothing deserving your Honor &c. attention. –

I am with the greatest respect.
Honorable Sir and Sirs.
Your very obedient humble Servant. E. G.

Bushire
the 24th May 1781.

No. 81.

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

I dispatch this Boat at the request of Mr. Latouche in order to convey letters to Muscat for Mr. James Woolly and the Commanders of any of the Honorable Companys Cruizers, received this morning by Boat Express from Bussora –

Mr. Woolly arrived at Bussora the 14th Instant, and departed from thence for Muscat in a Bunderick Dow the 17th being charged with Packets of importance from the Honorable Company –

Messieurs Paul Benfield and Gilbert Seton charged also with Packets from England, had arrived at Bussora, and were to embark on the Betsy Snow for this place and India about the 1st Instant – the Betsy arrived at Bussora the 29th Ultimo –

In a former letter from Mr. Latouche mentioning the departure of His Majestys Embassador from the Hague, and of the probability of a rupture taking place between the Courts of England and Holland, (and which has since actually taken place) he advised me of the suspicions that Packets from the Dutch Consul at Aleppo for India with the news of this Event would come this way: He also forwarded to me an Extract of a letter from His Britannick Majestys Consul at Aleppo regarding a French Gentleman by the Name of Mr. Brue who had arrived there, and departed for these parts and India by the way of Diarbeckier &c., supposed to have Packets of consequence; and at the same time observed, that the intercepting any such Packets, might be of the greatest consequence to the Honorable Companys affairs –

As I am perfectly sensible of this truth, your Honor &c may depend that I will use my utmost endeavours to intercept any Packets that may come here; but to this time neither Packets, nor Mr. Brue have as yet made their appearance –

Sadoo Caun having permitted of the departure of Shaik Devis' Son, the Turkish Mufty, and Offendi; and Coja Stephanos the Son of Coja Aratoon who were sent to Schiras by order of Carim Caun

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on the Capture of Bussora, arrived here the 29th Ultimo on their way to Bussora: they were under the necessity of making Presents to the Cawn and Principal Officers at Schiras to the amount of upwards of 10,000.— Rupees before they could obtain this Permission —

Two messengers from Sadoc Cawn with letters for Soloman Bashaw, proceed with them, on their way to Baghdat —

Every thing remains quiet at Schiras and this Place, and I have now the honor to forward your Honor &c the duplicate of my last respects of the 24th Ultimo —

I shall embrace the opportunity by the return of the return of the Betsy, to forward your Honor &c a Set of the Books of this Settlement ending the 30th April, and am with the greatest respect.

Honorable Sir and Sirs.—
Your very obedient humble Servant — E. G.

Bushire
the 5th June 1781.— No 82.

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

Inclosed is duplicate of my last respects of the 5th Instant, and the Betsy Snow Captain William Morris which arrived here from Bussora the 10th now returning to Bombay, I embrace the opportunity to forward your Honor &c a Set of the Books of this Settlement ending the 30th April last —

Having considered also that it may be some time before a Conveyance may offer from hence, and that your Honor &c would wish to have as little unnecessary risk here as possible during the present unsettled state of Persia, I have laden on board the Betsy my Surplus Cash or Rupees Nine thousand Consigned to your Honor &c on account the Honorable Company, and for which I have debited the Presidency as p[er] Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed, and flatter myself you will approve my conduct.

It appears by the Books now forwarded your Honor &c that the Honorable Companys nett loss at this Settlement from the 1st of May 1780 to the close of the said Books, amounts to Rupees 6368.4.15, and the whole of Charges General in that time to Rupees 10,793.–.09, or a decrease of Rupees 3792.4.01, when compared with the proceeding year — This decrease is principally owing to the very trifling Presents made during last year, and to a Gain on Woollens of Rupees 2746.2.05.— The whole amount of the Customs collected from the 1st May 1780 to 30th April 1781 amounts to only Rupees 701.2.18, or a decrease of Rupees 3648.1.08. Had not this been the case your Honor &c will observe that the loss of the Settlement would have been very trifling, especially

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too when it is considered that the greatest part of the Extraordinary Charges for the year were incurred by rebuilding a part of the New Apartments which gave way the Winter of 1779.—

A few days since some Merchants lately arrived from Schiras made me offers for the whole of the Perpets and Coarse Cloth, but as the disposal of these sortments alone would undoubtedly retard the sale of the remainder, I rejected their offers unless they would take the whole, or in equal proportions; and I am now waiting their answer—

I now inclose your Honor &c an Indent for two hundred bales of Woollens, which I beg leave to request you will favor me with by the first opportunity if possible; the late Consignment of Woollens as I have in a former letter observed to your Honor &c are rather deficient of Scarlet, but should your Warehouses admit of your complying with the above Indent before the close of the next Winter in order to mix with them, I have little doubt but the whole will immediately sell—

Paul Benfield, Gilbert Seton, Henry Conran and Edward Stuart Esq.res charged with Packets from the Honorable Company, now proceed to Bombay on the Betsy.—

As the Box of Medicines you were pleased to favor me with by the Mercury were almost all damaged by the great length of that Vessels passage from Bombay, I am now to request that your Honor &c will favor me with a fresh supply by the first convenient opportunity—

The Accounts for last month, and which include the whole of my Sales since the 30th April, are also inclosed, and I am with the greatest respect,

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servant— E: G:

Bushire
the 12th June 1781.

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

Since closing the above a boat has arrived from Bussora, and I have now the pleasure to forward your Honor &c a Packet which Mr Latouche dispatched the 9th Instant with the hope of its reaching Bushire before the departure of the Betsy—

I am with the utmost respect &c as above. E: G:

P.M.— No 83.

Indent for Woollens for the Bushire Market Vizt

Broad Cloth 75 bales Vizt

Superfine Medleys	5.—	
Coarse — do	20.—	
Coarse Cloth 35 bales Vizt		
Scarlet 4 – Crimson 2 – Maz Blue 14 – Grass, Emerald and French Green 15	35.—	
Fine Cloth 5 do Vizt		
Scarlet 1. Grass, Emerald and French Green 3. Blue 1.	5.—	
Worsters 10 bales Vizt		
Scarlet 1. Maz Blue 3. Grass, Emerald and French Green 6.	10	75.—
Perpetuanoes 125 bales Vizt		
Scarlet 40. Maz Blue 25 – Sky Blue 10. Grass, Saxon, Emerald and French Green 50		125.—
	Bales	200.

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To
The Honorable William Hornby Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

I have already wrote your Honor &c by this conveyance under the 12th Instant, and the Betsy being yet here, favors me with an opportunity of informing you that a Ship has just appeared in sight to the Southward; should she not come into the Road before the Betsy Sails, Captain Morris will make a point of speaking with her, and will inform your Honor &c her name and from whence she comes –

I am with the greatest respect,
Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant – E.G.

Bushire
the 14th June 1781. No. 85.

To
William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora.

Sir,

The Betsy Snow carried you my last of which you have already acknowledged the receit, and the 5th Instant I was favored with yours of the 27th and 30th May – The letters for James Woolley Esqr. and the Commanders of any of Honorable Companys Cruizers at Muscat inclosed in the latter, I forwarded the same day with the necessary orders to the Broker at Muscat regarding them –

Paul Benfield, Gilbert Seton, Henry Conran and Edward Stuart Esqrs. arrived here on the Betsy the 9th following, and delivered me your favor of the 5th they departed again the 14th and carried with them your Packet for our Honorable Superiors inclosed in yours of the 9th; received here the 12th Instant –

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Mercury Packet Mr Augustus Joseph Applegath anchored off this Port the 14th at night, and having landed from her 28 bales of Broad Cloth and 20 of Perpets for this place, she is now dispatched to Bussora –

I am with much esteem
Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant – E.G.

Bushire
the 16th June 1781. No. 86.

P.S. The Futty Mombarack from Surat belonging to Sutter Chellaby arrived here yesterday morning –

To Mr. Augustus Joseph Applegath
in Command of the Mercury Packet.

Sir Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bussora, where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to William Digges Latouche Esqr. and follow his orders for your future proceedings –

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am Sir.
Your very obedient humble Servant – E.G.

the 16th June 1781
No. 87.

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رسالة رقم ٨٨ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش، المقيم البريطاني في البصرة، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [٧١] (١/١)

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To William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora

Sir.

I had the pleasure to write you last by the Mercury under the 16th Ultimo, and dispatch this boat Express to inform You that a Man has just arrived in six days from Julfar with the following disagreeable intelligence.

That a few hours before he left Julfar a boat which had escaped from the Salahee (one of the Imaums Ships) had arrived there with the news of the said Ship having been taken off Sohar about six days before by three French Ships after a very short engagement—that sixteen of the Imaums People were killed in the action, and that they had an English Ship and three Dows belonging to Surat, which they had taken off Sur Salem in Company; the English Ship was bound to this place, and the Salahee to Catiffe &c.

One of the People taken on board the Salahee has also arrived at Julfar from the Island of Kishme, and confirmed the above particulars—He also added that the French Commodore had sent the Salahee to the Island of Mauritius and had landed her Crew at Kishme, where he remained with his former Prizes taking in refreshments, and endeavouring to sell their Cargoes to Shaik Abdulla of Ormuse.—They had seen nothing of the Betsy, and made very particular enquiries as to what Ships were in the Gulph—

I now write a short letter to the Commander of the Mercury informing him of the above news, and have directed the Noquedah to make a point of delivering it to him, in case he should meet the Mercury in his passage up; but if the should be still at Bussora, in that case he will deliver it to You—

I am with much esteem
Sir, Your very obedient humble Servant
E. G.

Bushire
the 3d. July 1781.

No. 88.

To Mr. Augustus Joseph Applegath
in Command of the Mercury Packet

Sir,

Having just now received intelligence that three French Ships are at the Island of Kishme taking in refreshments, I now forward the news to Bussora by boat Express, and have directed the Noquedah should he meet the Mercury in his way up to make a point of delivering you this letter, in order that you may be upon your guard should you be bound to India direct, or see any thing of them in your passage hither—

It is said also that they have taken an English Ship and one belonging to Muscat both bound up the Gulph—

I am Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant, E. G.

The 3d. July 1781.

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To William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora.

Sir, The Wind having blown so strong from the Northward as to prevent the departure of the boat with my letter to you of yesterdays date, favors me with an opportunity of sending you the following Extract from a letter received this morning from Captain Peter Scott at Muscat, which I am sorry to say in some measure confirms the intelligence I have already given you.

"As having arrived here from Bengal with a Cargo of Bales for Bushire and Bussora and am so misfortunate to be blocked up by three French Privateers two of which is large Ships and one a Brig of 16 Guns who came into the mouth of the Harbour under English Colours, and layed for two hours and afterwards stood out to Sea. there is two has been laying off the mouth of the harbour this five days and I suspect the other is gone into the Gulph of Persia, I am much afraid they will keep cruizing in the Gulph for some space of time as I cannot think of proceeding until I get some certain intelligence of what they are about" — "I am certain they will keep one Vessel off the Harbour waiting in expectation of my coming out and as the other two I suppose is in the Gulph so that I cannot think of proceeding until I get some intelligence where they are."

Captain Scotts letter has no date, nor does he mention the name of his Vessel —

I received at the same time a letter from the Broker at Muscat dated the 9th June; He mentions the same particulars regarding the arrival of the French Ships, and adds that Mr Woolley was at Muscat waiting for a conveyance in order to proceed to Bombay —

Inclosed is a Packet for you from the Broker, and I am with much esteem,

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant. E. G.

Bushire the 4th July 1781 No 90 —

Sir, My last letters to you went by boat Express, and were dated the 3d and 4th Instant as P duplicates inclosed, and it gives me the greatest concern to inform you that I this morning received the disagreeable news of the Capture of the Betsy Snow Captain William Morris off the Island of Kishme, by a French Privateer; the news came by a boat from Bahreen, and the Noquedah adds, that the same Vessel had taken three Bunderick Dows bound to Muscat, and confirms the former report of the Capture of the Salahee, but says that he had not heard of any English Vessel being taken coming up the Gulph.

Should I receive any further intelligence on this subject, I will take the first opportunity of informing you of it, and am with much esteem,

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant,
E. G.

The 14th July 1781. No 91.

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Sir,

The departure of the Dow being put off, I break open this letter with much pleasure to inform you that the report of the Capture of the Betsy Snow appears to be without foundation, Shaik Nasir having last night received letters from Sebarra and Bahreen which take no notice of such an Event, nor of any other English Vessel being taken; though they confirm the news of the Capture of the Salahee, and mention that a French Ship is cruizing between Sulfoo and the Island of Kishme –

I am with much esteem
Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant, E: G:

the 16th July 1781 — No. 92.

Sir,

I dispatch this boat Express purposely to inform you that a man has this instant arrived from Hallela who brings advice that a Ship and a Snow anchored off that Town last night, that a boat from one of them came on shore and purchased Fowls, Fruit &c.; but he could not tell what Nation they belonged.–

A letter from Congoon received here the 23d Instant confirmed the report of two French Ships being at the Island of Kishme; I therefore conclude the two Vessels said to be at Hallela are of that Nation, and in consequence now lodge a letter at the Island of Carrack for Mr Applegath to be sent off to him in case the Mercury should be seen from that Island, and the original now goes by this boat in case she should meet with her in her way up.

My last letters to you were dated the 14th and 16th Instant; since then it has been confidently reported from Kishme that no other Vessel has been taken by the French but the Salahee.–

I am with much esteem,
Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant – E: G:

the 26th July 1781. — No. 93.–

To Mr Augustus Joseph Applegath
in Command of the Mercury Packet.

Sir,

I write you this purposely to inform you that two Ships anchored last night off the Town of Hallela, which I have every reason to believe from their sending a boat on shore there for refreshments are French Cruizers; permit me therefore to recommend to you to be well on your guard in case this letter should meet you on your passage hither –

A copy of this letter will be lodged at Carrack to be sent off to you in case the Mercury should be seen from that Island –

I am Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servant. E: G:

The 26th July 1781. — No. 94.

To William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora.

Sir,

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send you the duplicate

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of my last of the 26th Instant—

Your favor of the 18th Instant I received the 19th following, and I am much obliged to you for the intelligence it contained. I have not yet heard any thing of the French Officer you formerly mentioned to be coming this way from Aleppo—

The 27th Early in the morning I saw the two Vessels mentioned in my last, between this and the Island of Carrack standing to the Northward, and yesterday morning advice was received from Bunderick of their having stoped at the Island of Anjar a little to the Southward of that Place that they had purchased sundry Stock there, and had requested to be supplied with a Pilot; that in consequence of their arrival at Anjar 75 men from Bunderick and an equal number from Genowa were immediately sent over to Carrack for the protection of that Island—

The report of an English Vessel having been taken coming up the Gulph which I formerly mentioned to you, I am sorry to say is again revived, it is said she had a quantity of Iron on board, and that the French sold her to Shaik Abdulla of Ormuse for 1000 Tomaunds, that they received 500 Tomaunds on this account but on sending to demand the balance Abdulla not only refused to pay it but stoped the boat and three Frenchmen, and that the French Ships were at last obliged to leave Kishme without obtaining any satisfaction after having fired several shot into the Fort, which had been returned by Abdulla—

A Private letter received this morning from an Armenian Merchant at Muscat dated the 10th Instant I have the pleasure to inform you mentions, that the Government of Muscat have seized a French Privateer Snow which had put in there for refreshments—

Yesterday Evening a Cossid arrived here in six days from Schiras with letters for Shaik Nasser advising him of that place being beseiged by Ally Morat Caun with an Army of from 40 to 50,000 men— On the news of Ally Morad Caun's approach towards Schiras, Sadoo Caun sent his Son (Hossein Caun) with an army of 17,000 men to oppose him, but the whole of the Dashestan forces having deserted in the way, the remainder of the army followed the example and left Hossein Caun to return to Schiras with only a few Officers— Jaffier Caun is arrived at Chozzaroon from Babaun with 3000 men in order to proceed to the assistance of Sadoo Caun—

I am with much esteem Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant— E. G.

Bushire
the 31st July 1781. No. 95.

P.S. Inclosed are two letters to the Commanders of any English Vessels in the Gulph received from Muscat the day before yesterday

The 9th August. By a boat which arrived yesterday afternoon from Carrack we are informed that the French Cruizers are at that Island, and that they are taking in a large supply of Wood, Water and Live Stock— The Ship it is said mounts 36 Guns, the Snow or Brig 16, besides Swivels.

I am as before. E. G.

To The Honorable William Hornby Esqre.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

A boat now proceeding to Muscat I embrace the opportunity

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رسالة رقم ٩٦ إلى ويليام هورنبي، الرئيس والحاكم، مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [٧٥] (٤/٢)

opportunity to inform your Honor &c of the several occurrences which have taken place in these parts since the date of my last respects of the 12th and 14th June by the Betsy Snow Captain William Morris—

The Ship mentioned in the latter to have appeared off this Port proved to be the Mercury, and late the same Evening I was favored with your Honor &c Commands of the 1st April with Invoice and Bill of Lading of Woollens by her inclosed.

Having landed her Consignment of Woollens the 16th she was dispatched the same evening to Bussora—

The 3d ultimo a boat arrived here from Julfar which brought advice of two French Cruizers being at the Island of Kishme, that they had taken the Salahee belonging to Muscat and a small English Vessel with a Cargo of Iron & both bound up the Gulph; that they had sent the former to the Island of Mauritius, and that the latter remained with them at Kishme.

In consequence of this intelligence I immediately dispatched a boat with the news to Mr Latouche at Bussora, and at the same time wrote a letter to the Commander of the Mercury to put him on his guard in case the boat should meet the Mercury in her way up.—

The next morning I received a letter from Captain Peter Scott at Muscat informing me of his arrival there in the Begler from Bengal, that he had Goods on board for this place and Bussora but feared it would not be in his power to proceed any further as three French Privateers had for some days been Cruizing off that Port; that two of them had since left that Station, and that he did not doubt but they were come this way.—

Captain Scott omitted to date his letter, but a letter from the Broker at Muscat which accompanied it was dated the 10th of June, and it has since appeared that the Salahee was taken between that and the 20th.—

The two French Cruizers (a Ship and a Brig) having arrived at Halleela a place about twelve miles to the Southward the 26th; I dispatched another boat to Bussora in the hope of meeting the Mercury should she have sailed from thence, and to advise Mr Latouche of their arrival, and at the same time forwarded a letter to be lodged at Carrack to be sent off to the Mercury in case she should be seen from that Island.—

The next morning the Ship and Brig were seen from hence standing to the Northward, they stoped at a small Island near Bunderick where they took in some trifling refreshments, and from thence proceeded to Carrack for Water and a Pilot - they left Carrack the 9th Instant, the 11th in the morning again appeared off here, and after Cruizing in sight till the 13th at night again returned to the Northward - The Ship it is said mounts 32 Guns, the Brig 16 Guns exclusive of Swivels, and are full of Europeans.—

I have not yet been able to learn the name of the English Vessel taken by the French as mentioned in the foregoing part of this address, but it is wrote from Muscat that she came from Surat and was bound to Mocha - The Captors sold her to Shaik Abdulla of Ormuse for 5000 Rupees.

Shortly after the departure of the Betsy Snow Reports began to prevail here that Ally Morad Caun with an Army of from 30 to 40,000 men was on his march from Isfahaun towards Schiras, and the 17th Ultimo advices from Chezaroon confirmed the news, adding that he had defeated a party of

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2000 Men headed by Tagey Caun, That the principal Army on which Sadoo Khun depended consisting of 17000 Men Commanded by his Son Hossun Khan, had wholly deserted about three days journey from Schiras, and that the Advanced Guard of Ally Morad Khans Army had arrived within a few miles of Schiras — By after accounts the whole army incamped before Schiras about the 23d ultimo

Skirmishes it is said almost every day take place between the Beseigers and Beseiged, and with various success — but nothing of consequence has to this time been done on either side, and it is very doubtful what will be the Event — —

Ally Morad Caun having received advice that Jaffer Caun (Sadoo Cauns eldest Son) had left Babaun with about 1000 Men, and was coming to his Fathers assistance, sent a detachment of 2000 Men to intercept him, They met at Chowaroon the beginning of this month, and as Jaffer Caun did not attempt to make any resistance he and the whole of his Party were immediately conducted to Ally Morad Cauns Camp before Schiras, where it is said he remains in close confinement —

Since the news of Ally Morad Cauns march Trade here has been wholly at a stand, the Roads between this and Schiras being impassable to every thing but single messengers, The Merchants who were about to purchase a considerable quantity of Woollens as mentioned in my respects of the 12th June immediately dropped their design on the first Report, and it gives me much concern to inform your Honor &ca that I have not been able to make a single Sale since that Period —

But Notwithstanding the troubles in the Interior Parts, I have the pleasure to inform your Honor &ca that every thing remains quiet here —

The Fatty Mumburack and Sultan belonging to Salla Chellaby Arrived here from Surat the 15th and 26th June, and Sailed for Bussora the 27th —

A letter from an Arminian Merchant at Muscat dated the 11th Ultimo and received the 31st mentions that a French Privateer Snow which had put in there for refreshments, had been seized by the Government —

Messieurs Burke and Churchill arrived here in a small Country boat the 7th Instant and Sailed again early the next morning for Muscat, they left Bussora the 31st ultimo —

Inclosed I have the pleasure to forward your Honor &ca the duplicates of my last respects of the 12th and 14th June, and duplicate Indent for Woollens for the Bushire market, and by the Mercury I shall likewise send a Second Set of the General Books of this Settlement ending the 30th April last, and the Monthly Accounts since the departure of the Betsy —

The 25th Instant in the morning just as I was preparing to close this letter, the two French Cruisers again appeared off here; and after bringing the Harbour Open to them, Stood to the Southward under a press of Sail, since when I have not received any information regarding them —

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The day following I received a letter from Mr Latouche at Bussora dated the 22nd Instant, in which he informs me that being most anxious to Return the Mercury to India with Mr Sulivan, who Arrived at Bussora the 5th Instant by the way of Constantinople and Bagdat with Packets for India, he had sent Mr Roger Orford in order to follow the French Ships until he should see them fairly out of the Gulph when he was to Return here without loss of time, and that in the mean time he should dispatch the Mercury to Bushere, as soon as I should inform him of their having passed to the Southward, to be in readiness to be dispatched by me to Sail from hence for India immediately on the Return of Mr Orford, or on the receit of any other certain intelligence of the French Ships having quitted the Gulph. ——

The Boat by which I received the above letter, and on which Mr Orford Arrived being freighted to this place only, I instantly hired another boat proper for the Service he was going on, and he departed again the 27th with a very fresh Nivcoher ——

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect
Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 30th August 1781 } No 96
℔ Boat to Muscat

To William Digges Latouche Esqr
Resident. at Bussora

Sir, My last to you was dated the 31st July and 9th August, and the 21st and 26th following I received your favors of the 12th and 22d of the same month.

In a private letter of the 29th Ultimo I informed you that the French Cruizers passed to the Southward the 25, and that Mr Orford followed them from here the 27th, Since that time I have not received any certain intelligence regarding them

Mr Henchman who arrived here from Muscatt the 3rd Instant now proceeding to Bussora on his way to Europe will deliver you this, and I hold a boat in readiness to dispatch to you immediately on the receit of any certain information where the French Ships are gone to ——

And Am with much esteem
Sir
Your Very Obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 5th Sept. 1781 } No 97
℔ Boat

To William Digges Latouche Esqr
Resident at Bussora

Sir Mr John Henchman carried you my last of the 5th Instant, and I have now the pleasure to inform you that the French Cruizers arrived at the Island of Inderabia the 29th Ultimo, and after taking on board a few Casks of

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Water, sailed Again the next day on their way down the Gulph. ...

The above intelligence I received from the Naquedah of a Bunderech Boat which the French Ships took off Bussora Bar, who Arrived this Evening from Inderabia where he was put on Shore, part of the Crew of a Trankey belonging to Carrack which they took in one of their Cruizes off this Port came up on the same boat, and relate the same Story. ...

Bushire the 11th September 1781 } No. 98.

I am with much esteem
Sir
Your Very Obedient humble Servant

To William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora

Sir

The foregoing is duplicate of my last of the 11th Instant, and I have now the pleasure to inclose you a letter received this morning from Mr. Roger Orford dated the 5th, off the Town of Sartes, the French Privateers were about four Leagues to the Southward of him watering at Congo, but for further particulars I beg leave to refer you to his letter, and am with Very great esteem

Bushire the 15th September 1781 } No. 99.

Sir
Your Very Obedient humble Servant

To The Honble William Hornby Esqr.
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay

Honble Sir and Sirs,

The inclosed is duplicate of my last respects of the 30th August by the way of Muscat, and I have now the pleasure to inform your Honor &ca that the Mercury Packet arrived here from Bussora the 23d Instant in the Evening having on board John Sulivan Esqr. Major Mussenden Johnson, and Alexander Macauley Esqrs. on their way to India, charged with business of consequence from the Honorable Company. ...

The Mercury in consequence of particular Orders from the Company is under those of Mr. Sulivan, and Major Johnson, and Mr. Macauley has the same orders with respect to them. ...

Mr. Latouche in a letter of the 20th Ultimo I received by the Mercury, mentions that a Person who called himself a Bohemian had Arrived at Bussora from Bagdat two days before, but from the misterious conduct he endeavoured to Observe, and other circumstances he had the greatest reason to imagine that he was a Frenchman charged with letters of consequence for India, and the 26th I received another letter from him dated the 21st, Advising me that the suspected Messenger had hired a Boat to convey him to Bunderick, and meant to depart the next Evening. That he (Mr. Latouche) had made an Agreement with the Noquedah of the Boat, to proceed within Gun Shot of the Mercury and to make a Signal Agreed on, in order that the She ~~may~~ might bring her too, and take the suspected messenger and his Packets on board. ...

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Mr. Latouche however considering that the Noquedah might be induced by apresent to carry his Passenger to Bunderick notwithstanding his promise, thought it an advisable precaution to request in case the boat did not Appear off Bushire in 48 hours after the receit of his letter, that I would send one of my People to Meer Sow at Bunderick in Order to prevent the suspected person continuing his Voyage, and in the hope of seizing his packets there —

The Mercury being in the Inner road, and as abovementioned under Mr. Sulivans orders I immediately communicated to that Gentleman the purport of the letter received from Mr. Latouche, and he Agreeing with me that her proceeding to the Outer Road would much facilitate the boat coming on board, ordered Mr. Applegath to carry her out as soon as possible; the boat did not appear, and the evening of the 26th I dispatched a Person that I could confide in with aletter to Meer Sow at Bunderick requesting if the suspected messenger should arrive there that he would at least prevent his departure for afew days, and if possible procure for me the Packets he was in charge of - and at the same time I sent the Meer aletter from Mr. Latouche on the same subject. The suspected messenger arrived at Bunderick direct from Bussora the 27th and the 30th in the Evening The Person I sent there returned and brought aletter from the Meer, informing me that exclusive of the pleasure it would afford him to comply with my request, he should detain the messenger till he and his people received satisfaction from the French Nation for the Capture of two of their boats which the French Privateers took during their Cruize between this place and Bussora Bar, and for Killing two men on board a Bunderick Dow which they also attempted to take in her way to Bussora; and concluded with assuring me that at all Events he would not permit of his departure without first writing to me on the subject. —

But as Meer Sow was silent on the subject of his Packets I yesterday Evening dispatched another Person to Bunderick with aletter to him thanking him for his very friendly letter and promise, and again requesting that he would use his utmost endeavours to procure the messengers Packets, and Papers in general, and at the same time wrote privately to two other Principal Persons at Bunderick requesting they would use their interest with the Meer for this purpose, & at the same time empowered Your Honor &ca Brokers Brother (the Person I sent) in case he should see aprobability of succeeding in procuring the desired Papers by making presents to the different Shaiks, to go as far as from 40 to 50 Tomonds or even something farther, with acertainty of Success, and I flatter myself that I shall shortly have the pleasure of advising your Honor &ca of his having succeeded. —

In my last respects I informed your Honor &ca of the French Cruizers having passed by here the 25th of August, and of Mr. Orfords having followed them the 27th, and the 15th ultimo I received aletter from Mr. Orford dated the 5th off Cape Sartes informing me of his being within 10 Leagues of the French Privateers which were watering at Congo, and that he first got sight of them at the Island of Keyn the 4th. —

Having communicated this intelligence to Mr. Sulivan, and several boats having come in from Muscat after his Arrival here which left the French Ships Cruizing off Larack, he came to the resolution of freighting alarge Dow to proceed with the Mercury, and in case he should find the

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French Ships yet in the Gulph to embark on board her and proceed immediately to Bombay and return the Mercury to Bushire, but as the Dow could not possibly be got ready for so long a Voyage before Friday next, he freighted a smaller boat, and she was to have sailed to day in Order to procure intelligence, and to meet the Mercury at a fixed place — Mr. Orford however having returned here yesterday Evening with the Very agreable news of the French Ships having passed Cape Jasques the 15th. Ultimo standing to the Southward renders the waiting for the Dow needless, and Mr. Sulivan accordingly now embarks on the Mercury taking with him the smaller boat to send before the Mercury in case of receiving any news in his passage down which might render further intelligence necessary —

Major Johnson and Mr. Macauly left England the 10th June but Mr. Latouche writes me under the 17th ultimo that by advices received from thence to the 28th of that month, the Honorable Company had obtained a Renewel of their Charter for ten years longer —

Nothing decisive has yet taken place between Sadoc Caun and Ally Morad Caun, and the Event is equally doubtful now as when I had last the pleasure of addressing your Honor &ca. — nor has any alteration taken place here —

I now forward Your Honor &ca. a second Set of the General Books of this Settlement ending the 30th. April last, and inclose also the Monthly Accounts of the Settlement for June, July, and August —

From the Cash Account for July your Honor &ca. will Observe that I have been under the necessity of contracting a debt on the Honble Companys Account, which under the 31st August amounted to Rupees 1869. 1. 19 — Principal, to carry on the disbursements of the Settlement as no money can be procured from Bussora without a loss of at least 7 1/2 p Cent, but I flatter myself notwithstanding the troubles at Schiras, as this is the Season for the Sale of Cloth and it is much wanted in the Interior parts that I shall shortly dispose of a Sufficient quaintity to clear the abovementioned debt, together with the Addition of last Months disbursements, without being under the necessity of borrowing a further Sum —

Bushire the 2nd.
October 1781.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect
Honble Sir and Sirs —
Your Very Obedient humble Servant

Honble Sir and Sirs

Mr. Sulivan not having yet embarked favors me with an Opportunity of acknowledging the recept of your Honor &ca. Commands of the 27th. July brought to Muscat by the Morning Star, and from thence transmitted here by boat by Lieutenant Charles Pickett, accompanied by a letter from him dated the 16th ultimo informing me that he had determined on immediately returning to Bombay as he understood for certain that four French Privateers were Cruizing in this Gulph — Mr. Pickett at the same time forwarded to me a Parcel directed to Mr. William Digges Latouche at Bussora, and as he

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writes that it contains Packets for Europe, your Honor &ca. may depend that I will forward it to Bussora as soon as a boat can be got in readiness to sail for that place, — And Am with the greatest respect,

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs. —

Your Very Obedient humble Servant

The 2nd October 1781 —
℘ Mercury —

No. 100 —

To William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora

Sir,

I did myself the pleasure of writing you last the 15th ultimo, and the 23rd and 24th following was favored with yours of the 17th, 20th and 21st of the same Mon[th] the two former by the Mercury, the latter by boat Express. —

Mr. Orford having returned here the 1st Instant in the Evening with the Agreeable news of the French Privateers having passed Capes Jasques the 15th ultim[o] Standing to the Southward, John Sulivan Esqr. Major Mussendon Johnson, and Alexander Macauly Esqr. have this instant embarked on board the Mercury for India taking with them a Small boat to send before in case of receiving any news in their passage down the Gulph which might render further intelligence necessary. —

The Mercury being in the Inner Road when your letter of the 21st arrived I immediately communicated the contents of it to Mr. Sulivan, and he agreeing with me that her proceeding to the outer Road would much facilitate Ally Abdullas performing his Agreement with you of bringing his boat with the suspected messenger within Gun Shot of the Mercury in Order that she might bring her too and Seize the messeng[er] the Mercury sailed out as soon as the Wind and Tide would admit, but the boat no[t] Appearing in the time you limitted or 48 hours after the receit of your letter, the 26th [in] the Evening in compliance with your request, I dispatched one of my people to Bunder[ick] with your letter to Meer Sow, and at the same time wrote to him in the most pressing manner to detain the messenger, and if possible procure for me hes dispatches. —

The 30th the Person I sent to Bunderick returned and brought me a letter from the Meer (with the inclosed for You) expressing his great friendship for the English, and assuring me that exclusive of the pleasure it would afford him to comply with my request he should detain the messenger till he received Satisfaction from him for the depredations of the French Privateers during their Cruize in these parts, and that I might depend he would not release him withou[t] first writing to me; the messenger arrived at Bunderick the 27th, the Person I sent, a few hours before him. —

But as Meer Sow was silent on the Subject of the Messeng[er's] Papers, I the same Evening again wrote to him regarding them, and as I have impowered the Person whom I employ to use every possible means to induce the Meer to comply with my desire, flatter myself that I shall Shortly have the pleasure to inform you of my having Succeeded. —

In a letter from the Broker at Muscat dated the 12th ultimo

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ultimo he informs me that every thing was again quiet there, and that the French Privateer taken by the Imaum had been released and sent to the Mauritius with a Person on board on the part of the Imaum to endeavour to procure restitution of his Ship the Salahee, and that Messrs. Woolley Burke and Churchill departed for Bombay the 6th ultimo in a Dengey belonging to the Imaum —

Mr. Orford now proceeds to Bussora, and will deliver you a Parcel received yesterday morning from Lieutenant Pickett of the Morning Star at Muscat, which he writes me contains Packets for Europe &ca. —

Mr. Pickett left Bombay the 4 August, called at Anjengo in his way to the Southward for advices from the other Coast, and arrived at Muscat the 11th ultimo in his way to this place and Bussora; but hearing there that four French Privateers were Cruizing between Bushire and Carrack he had determined to return to Bombay and was to sail the 14th. —

A Private letter from Bombay dated the 29th July received yesterday confirms the report I mentioned to you in a private letter of the 13th ultimo of our having seized the Dutch Factory at Surat, and mentions also that the Salahee belonging to the Imaum of Muscat and taken by the French near the entrance of this Gulph, had been driven into Sevendroog near Fort Victoria, where the Captors were endeavouring to dispose of her Cargo —

I have now the pleasure to inclose you a packet for the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors, and a Letter for Lawrence Sulivan Esqr. left here by John Sulivan Esqr. — And am with the greatest esteem

Sir

Your Very Obedient humble Servant —

Bushire the 5th October 1781 } No. 101 —

To

The Commanders of any of the Honble Companys Cruisers at Muscat —

Gentlemen,

Having received certain intelligence from Bunderick that a Person who the Resident at Bussora writes me, he has the greatest reason to imagine, is a a Frenchman in the Dutch Service, and charged with letters of Consequence for India, was to sail from thence for Muscat the day before yesterday or yesterday Evening at farthest, I embrace the present opportunity of a boat proceeding to Muscat to give you this information, and to recommend to you to look out for the said suspected messenger as the seizing him and his Papers may prove be of the utmost consequence —

Mr. Latouche describes him to me as a Man of about 30 years of Age, or rather more, of a fair complexion, Tall and Thin, and calls himself a Bohemian the Boat on which he was to leave Bunderick belongs to Hodjee Matook Ben Chanem of that Place — I am,

Gentlemen

Your Very Obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 12th November 1781 — } No. 102 —

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رسالة رقم ١٠٣ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش، المقيم البريطاني في البصرة، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [٨٣] (٢/١)

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To

William Digges Latouche Esqr.

Resident at Bussora

Sir

In a private letter of the 14th Instant I had the pleasure to inform you of the Arrival of the Begler Captain Scott, under that date.

Captain Scott having landed his freight for this place now proceeds to Bussora.

I am sorry to inform you that Meer Saan has not yet fulfilled his promise of sending me the suspected messengers Papers, on the contrary it is reported that the messenger left Bunderick for Muscat on Monday night last.

My last to You was dated the 3rd Ultimo since when I have not been favored with any of Yours.

I am with much esteem
Sir
Your Very Obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 18th November 1781 } No 103

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رسالة رقم ١ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش، المقيم البريطاني في البصرة، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [٨٤] (٢/١)

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To
William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora

Sir

The Begler Captain Peter Scott carried you my last of the 18th November, and the 20th of the same month I was favored with yours of the 11th by Captain Donald Campbell.

By a boat this instant arrived from Jebarra the Hon^ble Companys Broker here received a letter from Seram Bassadore at Muscat dated the 3rd Instant, in which he is desired to advise me of the following particulars,

That the 29th ultimo advise was received at Muscat from Cape Rasalgate that ten French Ships were watering at Daffer a little to the Southward of that place, the second day following news was brought of their arrival off Rasalgate, and the 3rd Instant further intelligence was received that the fleet consisted of 17 Sail that they were under English Colours and had proceed on a direct course for the Malabar Coast — the above information was sent by the Imaums people stationed at Sur and Coreat.

That the Report of the Capture of Cochin (which I mentioned to you in a private letter of the 1st Instant) had proved to be without foundation a Dow having arrived the 3rd Instant from that place when it was still in possession of the Dutch.

That the 26th ultimo the Imaums Sons Sultan and Saif seized their brother Seiad at Boorka, brought him in Irons to Muscat and immediately confined him in one of the Forts — That the Imaum arrived at Namaun the 1st Instant where he was collecting forces, and that he was expected at Muscat in a few days.

The Noquedah of the Jebarra boat says that he was informed by the Noquedah of the Boat which brought Serams letter to Jebarra, that when he was abreast of Sahar he saw fourteen Ships in the offing.

I shall take the first Opportunity of sending you any further news I may receive on this subject and am with the greatest esteem

Sir
Your Very Obedient humble Servant

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P.S.

The Weather having been so bad as not to permit of the boat Sailing before, I have the pleasure to add that the Revenge Captain Bryce Hardie and Lapwing Cutter Lieut. Hardy anchored here the 23rd in the Evening they left Bombay the 23rd ultimo touched at Muscat, and will sail for Bussora this Evening or tomorrow morning at farthest.

Bushire the 24th January 1782

No. 1

The Revenge brings the same news from Muscat Regarding the fleet seen off Cape Rasalgate — I am as above —

To William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora
Sir

I have already wrote you under this date by boat, as the foregoing duplicate, and this you will receive by the Revenge Captain Bryce Hardie which now proceeds to Bussora with the Lapwing Cutter Lieutenant Hardy.

I am with the greatest esteem —
Sir —
Your Very Obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 24th January 1782

No. 2

To Captain Bryce Hardie —
Commander of the Revenge —
Sir —

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh Anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where on your Arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the Honble the President and Council and follow their Orders for your further proceedings.

I wish you a pleasant and Speedy passage and am
Sir —
Your Very Obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 23rd Febry 1782

No. 3 —

To The Honorable William Hornby Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council of Bombay
Honorable Sir and Sirs.

Since my last respects of the 2nd October by the Mercury I have been favored with your Honor &ca. Commands of the 22nd December by the Revenge, which with the Lapwing Sloop Arrived here the 22nd ultimo in the Evening, and sailed for Bussora the 25th in the morning at day Break.

It gives me the greatest concern to inform your Honor &c. that notwithstanding Meer Saans repeated promise by letters of sending me the Papers of the Suspected Messenger mentioned in my last to have Arrived at Bunderick, he has not only disappointed me in this respect, but permitted him to depart for Muscat the 12th November —

Coja Bedos whom I sent to Bunderick the begining of October returned the 12th of the Same month, having tried every means to persuade Meer Saan to deliver the Messengers Papers without effect. By him I received a letter from the Meer informing me that he could not

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not then send me the desired Papers but that I might depend upon it he would oblige me with them at a proper time.. Meer Gunnass and another principal Person at Bunderick at the same time sent me Messages to the same purport. ——

A Banyan Merchant at Bunderick to whom I gave Orders on the return of Coja Bedroo to take every opportunity of Keeping the Meer in mind of his promise, and to give me every entelligence on this occasion having informed me of the intended departure of the Messenger I immediately communicated the intelligence to the Commanders of any of the Honorable Companys Cruisers at Muscat in a letter dated the 12th November, recommending to them to look out for the Messenger as the Seizing him and his Packets might prove of the greatest consequence, and as the Banyans information might have been premature I again addressed Meer Saan on the Subject.. By the return of the Cossed I received a confirmation of the departure of the departure of the Messenger at the time abovementioned, but the Meer did not think proper to favor me with a reply to my letter. ——

I flatter myself it will appear to your Honor &c. that nothing has been wanting on my part to bring this business to a Successful Issue, and though unsuccessful that my conduct will meet with your Approbation. —

Mr. Latouche some time since informed me that the Messenger so often beforementioned appeared to him to be in the Dutch Service and that he had received letters from Meer Saan and Meer Gunnass in which they both promised to send his Packets, but that he had referred them to me on Account my being so much nearer. ——

The Begler Captain Peter Scott, from Bengal and Muscat with a Freight Cargo for this place and Bussora arrived here the 16th November, she sailed for Bussora the 19th following, and returned here the 29th ultimo. ——

It affords me the greatest pleasure to inform your Honor &ca. of my having the 6th ultimo disposed of the following Woollens to the Bushire Merchants at the usual prices, with an additional allowance of 10 per Cent on half the amount, in consideration of there being no Rupees at present procurable and the Advanced price of all Coins proper for India..

Coarse Medleys.... 42 Pieces Worsten.... 43 Pieces
Fine Cloth........ 6 ditto... Coarse Cloth.. 95 ditto. —
Perpetuanaes 504 Pieces. —

The whole was delivered the 13th following Amounting to Rupees twenty six thousand eighty four, one Mamoody and nineteen Guz (26,084:1:19) and the Honble Companys debt to Mr. Galley of Rupees 8405.11 Principal and Interest included, immediately discharged. This Sale has reduced the Honorable Companys remains here to; ——

Coarse Medleys.... 69 Pieces .. Coarse Cloth 78 Pieces. ——
Fine Cloth........ 6 ditto .. Perpetuanaes 145 ditto

and should the present Adventurers succeed in conveying their purchase to Ally Morad Cauns Camp, which they mean to try, I flatter myself I shall shortly

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have the pleasure of informing you of their having taken the remains also. —

The Affairs of Persia Still continue undetermined, but it is generally imagined from the great perseverance of Ally Morad Khun, that Schiras must Shortly be Surrendered to him. – Sadoo Khan has not the least prospect of of receiving any assistance, and the Town already begins to feel the want of Several of the most necessary Articles. —

The Revenge returned here yesterday in the afternoon and She is now dispatched to your Honor &c. Captain Donald Campbell of the Madras Establishment who Arrived from Bussora the 20th November now proceeds to India on her, and the Begler Captain Peter Scott at the same time profits by her Convoy. —

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send you Invoice and Bill of Lading of seven bags of Treasure Amounting to Rupees 13636. – this day Shipped on the Revenge, and consigned to your Honor &c. on the Honorable Compys Account and risque, and for which Amount I have debted the Presidency – This remittance reduces the balance of Cash here to Rupees 2571. 6. 10. —

Inclosed also you will please to receive the monthly Accounts of the Settlement for September, October, November, December and January. —

By the next conveyance I flatter myself your Honor &c. will have it in your power to indulge me with a further Supply of Woollens Agreeable to my Indent of the 12th June by the Betsy Snow, and I am with the greatest respect —

Honorable Sir and Sirs —

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 23rd February 1782 — No. 4
℔ Revenge —

To
William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora —

Sir

Since my last to you of the 26th of January which you have already Acknowledged the receit I have been favored with yours of the 22nd of that Month and 16th ultimo, the former I received by the Begler the 29th January, the latter by the Revenge the 22nd February. —

The Revenge and Begler sailed for India the 26th ultimo, and the 5th Instant I informed you in a private letter that Shaik Nasser had just received a letter from Chonzaroon advising him of Ally Morad Cauns having entered Schiras. —

This Morning a Choppar arrived from Schiras with a Phirmaund from Ally Moorad Caun to Shaik Nasser informing him of the town having been given up to him by Cassim Kaun Schirasy and the Khan of Bajelan — the town, but that Sadoo Caun and the greatest part of his family with Abul Falley Caun had retired to the Citadel, which still hold out. —

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Tagkey Caun (one of Sadoo Cauns Sons) etes said was Killed on Ally Morad Cauns troops entering the town ——

Mr. Augustus Joseph Applegath who arrived here this afternoon in the Mercury will deliver you this, He left Bombay the 3rd ultimo and brings the pleasing news of the Ships mentioned to you in a former letter to have been Seen of Cape Rasalgate having proved to be a part of Commodore Johnson Squadron, and that they arrived at Bombay about the middle of January —

I am with much esteem —
Sir
Your Very Obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 16th March 1782
℔ mercury
No. 5.

To
William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora

Sir

By the Lapwing which Arrived here yesterday noon I was favored with yours of the 9th Instant, but the Person mentioned in your Instructions to Lieutenant Hardie not having arrived here she Sailed Again immediately for Muscat. ——

You may be assured I will use my utmost endeavours to get possession of any Packets th[illegible] Euroeph Catafago may be charged with Should he Stop here. ——

Advices from Schiras received since my last to you of the 16th Instantly the Mercury inform that Ally Morad Khan has got possession of the Citadel of that Fortress, and taken the whole of the Garrison Prisoners, —

That Sadoo Khan was immediately deprived of Sight and his Son Ally Nacquey Khan, Killed by Acbar Khan, all the rest of his family and the Principal People who adhered to him have been imprisoned and fined 200000 Tomaunds, but not the least mention being made of Abul Fattey Khan it is Strongly Suspected he has been privately murdered in the Citadel, and it is Said that Sadoo Khan, in a fit of despair on the loss of his sight poison himself with Opium ——

I am with much esteem
Sir —
Your most Obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 14 March 1782 ——
No. 6. —

To
The Honorable William Hornby Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay. —

Honorable Sir and Sirs ——

In my last respect of the 23rd Ultimo by the Revenge

Captain



Captain Bryce Hardie, of which the inclosed is duplicate, I mentioned to your Honor &ca the Opinion which then prevailed that a Revolution in the Government of Persia could not be Very far distant, and the Event has proved the justness of the then surmises. ——

The 5th of Instant Shaik Nasir received a letter from Khorzaroon (a place between this and Schiras) advising him of Ally Morad Khan's having entered Schiras the 2nd. This news was confirmed the 10th by the Arrival of a Cheppar from thence with a Phirmaund from Ally Morad Khan to the Shaik, in which he writes that two of the Gates having been Opened to him by Cossim Khan Schirazy and the Khan of Bajelan he had taken possession of the Town, but that Sadoo Khan with the greatest part of his family, and Abul Fattey Khan had retired to the Citadel, which he did not dout would shortly be in his possession also. ——

Sadoo Khan held the Citadel about Twenty four hours, when finding that nothing but surrendering himself Prisoner at discretion would Satisfy Ally Morad Khan, and fearing to exasperate him still more by a fruitless resistance, he Opened the Gates and the whole Garrison was made Prisoners. —— Sadoo Khan was immediately deprived of Sight, Ally Nacquy Khan his second Son was also deprived of Sight, and after Suffering a Variety of Tortures on Account his former Cruelties, he was killed by Order of Acbar Khan, Abul Futtey Khan and the remainder of Carim Khan's family was continued Prisoners in the Citadel, and the dependants of Sadoo Khan have all been heavilly fined and otherwise punished —— Sadoo Khan in a fit of despair on the loss of his Sight poisoned himself with Ophium. ——

Ally Morad Khan it is said has taken upon himself the title of King, and has Appointed Acbar Khan (a son of the late Zacky Khan) his Vizer. ——

The last Accounts from Schiras mention that every thing there was as quiet as could be expected, and that Ally Morad Khan had assured the Merchants &c of his affording them every assistance and protection in his power, Several Caravans with different Kinds of Merchandize have already left this for Schiras, and the Merchants flatter themselves with the hope of an increasing Commerce. ——

I have the pleasure to inform your Honor &c that the Mercury, Mr Augustus Joseph Applegath Arrived here the 10th of Instant, and departed for Bussora Early the next morning. ——

The Lapwing Sloop Lieutenant Thomas Hardie Arrived from Bussora the 13th of Instant, Mr Latouche having dispatched her in hopes of Overtaking an Aleppine Christian from Aleppo who had secretly departed from Bussora on a Jaffar boat for Muscat, and whom he strongly suspected was Charged with French or Dutch Packets for India —— Lieutenant Hardie

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was directed to follow my Orders in case he should find the Suspected Person here, but if not to proceed on to Muscat with the utmost expedition, and as the boat on which the Messenger embarked had not been here, not he Sailed Again immediately —

Bushire the 31st March 1782 — No. 7 —

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir and Sirs — —
Your most Obedient humble Servant

To
The Honorable William Hornby Esqr. —
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay —

Honorable Sir and Sirs —

Inclosed I have the honor to send You the duplicate of my last respects of the 31st March by boat to Muscat, and the Accounts of the Settlement for February March and April —

Letters from Schiras received the 27th Ultimo advise that Acbar Khan, with several other Principal Khans, had been Killed by Ally Morad Khan on account their having formed a Conspiracy to Cut off him and Jaffier, that Ally Morad Khan was sending his Treasures to Amadan, which Place he means to make the seat of his Government, and that it was said he would follow in all this Moon, or about the 10th Instant, having appointed his Son Wis Morad Khan, and Alli Kooli Khan of Chozzaroon Governors of Schiras —

The Reports relative to Abul Fatley Khan are extremely Vague and contradictory, but it is generally believed that both he and his Brother Mahomet Ally Khan have been deprived of sight

The Trade between this Place and Schiras has for some days past been nearly at a Stand, Owing to Ally Morad Khan having laid a fine of Six Laacks of Rupees on the Merchants of Schiras, but as the last accounts from thence received as abovementioned, mention that every thing had been Settled on the Merchants paying an half of the fine, I have the pleasure to inform your Honors that trade begins Again to flourish —

A Cossid this instant arrived from Schiras reports that Abul Fatty Khan, his Brother Mahomed Ally Khan, and his Eldest Sister have been put to death by Ally Morad Khan, and that an Army of 18000 men was in readiness to depart for Isfahan and Amadun, Hossein Khan of Astrabad having lately defeated one of Ally Morad Khans Generals at Tahran —

The Mercury which returned from Bussora this Evening now proceeds to Bombay, She is under the Orders of Messieurs Dunkin and Smart who Arrived at Bussora the 5th Instant with consequential Packets from the



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the Court of Directors for their Several Settlements in India. ——

A Sepoy from the Mercury detachment has been landed here in order to fill up a Vacancy in the factory guard occasioned by the Death of, Nur Mahomed Sepoy who Stabed himself in the breast the 7th ultimo, and expired immediately — The cause of his committing this rash action was a dispute he had just before had with a Moor Woman — He arrived on the Ranger the 1st February 1780, and had received 84 Rupees or 14 Months pay @ 6 Rs. ₽ month ——

The present Factory Guard having left the Presidency the 31st December 1779, request your Honor &ca. will be so indulgent as to relieve them at a convinient opportunity. —

Bushire the 13th May 1782 } No. 8. —

I am with the greatest respect
Honorable Sir and Sirs. —
Your most Obedeint humble Servant

To
William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora. —

Sir,

Since my last to you of the 1st March I have been favored with yours of the 20th of the same month and 9th May, received the 29th March, and 13th Instant; the latter by the Mercury which sailed for India the 15th in the morning. ——

About luckily offering this evening for Bussora, inclosed I have the pleasure to send you two Packets and sundry letters just received from the Broker at Muscat, and which he requested I would forward as expeditiously as possible, as the former contains Public Advices from India. —

Mahomed the Servant whom you sent as interpreter with Lieutenant Hardie of the Lapwing has charge of this, and I am happy to inform you that He confirms the report which I mentioned to you in a private letter of the 6th Instant regarding the seizure of Joseph Catafago at Muscat, and the departure of the Lapwing for Bombay. ——

Bushire the 28 May 1782. } No. 9. —

I am with much esteem
Sir
Your most Obedeint humble Servant

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The 29th A very fresh Northwester having prevented the departure of the boat last night, and it still continuing to blow so fresh from that quarter as to render the time of her going uncertain, Mahomet now proceeds

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رسالة رقم ٩ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش، المقيم البريطاني في البصرة، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [٩٢] (٢/٢)

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Overland with a Cossid who has promised that he will reach Bussora in Seven to eight days – you will please to Pay the Cossid fourteen Rupees on his Arrival. –

I am as before –

To William Digges Latouche Esqr. –
Resident at Bussora –

Sir

My last to You was dated the 28/29th Ultimo, since when I have not been favored with any of Yours –

This You will receive by the Morning Star which Arrived from Bombay the 13th in the Evening, and now proceeds to Bussora, and I am with much esteem. –

Sir –
Your Very Obedient humble Servant,

Bushire
the 27th June 1782 } No. 10 –

To Lieutenant Charles Pickett
in Command of the Morning Star

Sir,

I consider it necessary to advise you that certain intelligence was last night received here of the arrival of two Dutch Ships at Muscat about the 27th Ultimo, loaded with Sugars &c. &c.

The Noquedah of this boat has promised to deliver you this letter in case he should meet the Star in his way to Bussora, to which place he is bound. –

Bushire the 13th July 1782 No. 11

I am Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

To
The Honorable William Hornby Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council of Bombay

Honorable Sir and Sirs

I received the 14th Ultimo Your Honor &c. Commands of the 30th April by the Morning Star Lieutenant Charles Pickett, which sailed for Bussora the 27th following, and inclosed is duplicate of my last respects of the 13th May by the Mercury

Accompanying You will please to receive also A Set of the Generals Books of this Settlement from the 1st May 1781 to the 30th April 1782, by which it appears that the Honorable Companys Net Loss for the Year amounts to Rupees 7552. – 14 and the amount of Charges General to Rupees 10575. 0. 18 or a decrease of Rupees 217. – 11 on the preceding Year. The increase of the Net Loss on these Books of Rupees 1183. 1. 04 is owing to no Treasure or Pearl Freight having offered for India, and only Rupees 95. 1. 10 received on account Customs in the Course of the twelve month; The Treasure and Pearl Freight and Customs collected in the preceding Year amounts to Rupees 1995. 2. 16. – No No alteration has taken place in the Interior parts of Persia since the date of my last respects. Ally Morad Khan still continues at Schiras, but his departure for Isfahan and Amadan is daily expected



رسالة رقم ١٢ إلى ويليام هورنبي، الرئيس والحاكم في مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [٩٣] (٢/٢)

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The 12th Instant a Banyan Merchant here having received a letter from Muscat dated the 25th ultimo advising him of the arrival there of two Dutch Ships from Batavia loaded with Sugars &c, I immediately forwarded the intelligence to Mr Latouche by a boat which luckily offered for Bussora, and as it was probable the boat in her way up might meet the Morning Star returning hither or on her way to India direct, I addressed a letter to Lieutenant Charles Pickett on the same subject — The Morning Star arrived from Bussora yesterday Evening and is now dispatched to your Honor &c, Mr Luard an English Gentleman from Constantinople charged with duplicate dispatches from the Honorable Company now proceeds on her to India, and enclosed I have the pleasure to send your Honor &ca the monthly Accounts of the Settlement for May and June. —

Bushire the 23d July 1782 — No 12 —

I am with the greatest respect
Honorable Sir and Sirs —
Your most obedient humble Servant

A short time after closing the foregoing a Vessel appeared in sight which proves to be the Nerbeda Cruizer Captain Charles Tinker from Bengal with dispatches for Europe — Captain Tinker left Bengal the 26th April and Muscat the 7th Instant, and confirms the news of the arrival of the two Dutch Ships at the latter place as beforementioned —

Having procured a Pilot for the Nerbeda for Bussora, she will sail again this afternoon, and I am with the greatest respect — as before

The 24th July 1782 —

To William Digges Latouche Esqr
Resident at Bussora,

Sir,

The 22d in the Evening I was favored with yours of the 18th Instant by the Morning Star, and by the first opportunity which offers for Muscat I will forward the necessary instructions to the Commanders of any of the Honorable Companys Cruizers bound up the Gulph on the subject of the French Colonel &c, that you advise had left Alexandria in their way to India by this Route

This you will receive by Captain Charles Tinker in Command of the Nerbeda Cruizer which arrived here yesterday Evening from Bengal with despatches for Europe — Captain Tinker touched at Muscat in his way up, and confirms the arrival of two Dutch Ships at that place, of which I before informed you in a private letter of the 13th Instant

The Morning Star will sail this evening for India and I am with much esteem

Bushire the 24th July 1782 No 13

Sir —
Your very obedient humble Servant

To Lieutenant Charles Pickett
in Command of the Morning Star

Sir

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh



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weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where, on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the Honorable the President and Council and follow their orders for your future proceedings. —

Wish you a speedy and pleasant passage and am Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 24 July 1782 No. 13

To The Honorable William Hornby Esqre.
President and Governor &c Council of Bombay —

Honorable Sir and Sirs

The Nerbedo Captain Charles Vertue arrived from Bussora yesterday morning in her way to Bengal, but as it is very doubtful whether she will touch at Bombay, or at Muscat even, by Mr. Latouches desire I have now freighted a Good boat to accompany her down the Gulph, when should Captain Vertue determine on proceeding direct to Bengal he will despatch her to Muscat with the Packet for your Honor &c delivered to him at Bussora, in order to be forwarded from thence, and concerning the despatch of which Mr. Latouche writes me that he has given the necessary orders to the Broker —

It affords me the greatest pleasure to inform your Honor &c that I a few days since sold two bales of Coarse Medleys and that sundry Merchants are now agreeing with me for the whole of the remains of Broad Cloth. —

Ally Morad Khan departed for Ispahan the 1 ultimo, having left his Nephew Seid Morad Khan and Ally Kooli Khan Governors of Schiras — It is confidently reported that several attempts were made to cut him off in his way to Ispahan, but no letters have yet been received on this subject. —

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send Your Honor &ca the duplicate of my last respects of the 23d and 24th July by the Morning Star, and the monthly Accounts of the Settlement for July, and I am with the greatest respect,

Honorable Sir and Sirs. —
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 3d September 1782 No. 14

To William Digges Latouche Esqre.
Resident at Bussora

Sir

By the Nerbedo which arrived here the 2d Instant I was favored with yours of the 25th and 26th ultimo, and agreeable to your request immediately freighted a good boat to accompany her down the Gulph, and to proceed to Muscat with your Packets for Bombay. —

The boat on her return will proceed to Casab with your letter to the Shaik of that place concerning the four bales of Cotton Y(ou)r taken by him. — The Nerbedo sailed again the 4th in the morning at day break and I am with much esteem — Sir

Your Very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 11th September 1782 No. 15



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To
The Honorable William Hornby Esq.
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

Messieurs Barci and Barnet having arrived here last night from Bussora in their way to Bombay and Bengal, I embrace the opportunity to forward your Honor &ca the duplicate of my last respects of the 3d Ultimo by the Nerbeda —

It affords me the greatest pleasure to inform your Honor &ca that I disposed of seven bales of Coarse Medleys the 28th ultimo at the usual price of Rupees 11.3 — the Piece and an advance of 9 p Cent on the amount on account the price of Silver having lately again risen occasioned by the arrival of the two Dutch Ships at Muscat mentioned in my respects of the 23d July by the Morning Star. It was with much difficulty I could bring the Merchants to make so considerable an allowance 9 p Cent, but the Cold weather approaching and the uncertainty of any fresh importation of Cloth in a short time, induced them to consent — This sale reduces the Honble Companys remains of Woollens to

Fine Cloth —— 6 Pieces
Coarse do —— 78 ditto
Perpetuances —— 140 ditto

Having discharged the Honorable Companys debt to Mr Galley of Rupees 1333.2.18 Principal and Interest, which you will observe by the accounts transmitted by the Morning Star he was under the necessity of commencing in June last, reduces the balance of Cash here to Rupees 3427.3.19. —

The 9th Ultimo the Atuby Arabs from Zebarra on the Arabian shore made a descent on the Island of Bahreen, and after a short Battle in which several lives were lost on both sides, obliged Shaik Nasser, the Governor, to retreat to the Fort when they immediately plundered and destroyed the Town, and returned to Zebarra again the third day, taking with them one of the Bushire Galivats which Shaik Nasser had lately sent there to bring over the annual Tribute of the Island — The above intelligence was received here the 13th following, and in consequence of orders from Ally Morad Khan received the 1st Instant Shaik Nasser is preparing to proceed against Zebarra, in which he is to be assisted by the Shaiks of Bunderick Genowa, Dashistan &ca —

Bushire the 5th October 1782

No 16.

I am with the greatest respect
Honorable Sir and Sirs —
Your very obedient humble Servant

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رسالة رقم ١٧ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش، المقيم البريطاني في البصرة، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [٩٦] (١/١)

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To William Digges Latouche Esqr.

Sir

Since my last to You of the 11th. September, I have not been favored with any of yours —

A letter to a Banyan Merchant received here the 24th. Instant from Muscat of thirty six days date, mentions that a Dingey had just arrived from Bombay which brought advice of our having taken twelve Ships from the French, when they were taken, or where, or of what force, the letter does not say. —

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send a Packet to your address received this instant from the Broker at Muscat, I flatter myself it will confirm the above pleasing intelligence, and am with much esteem

Bushire the 27th. January 1783.

Sir —
Your very obedient humble Servant

No.17 —

To William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora

Sir

The inclosed is duplicate of my last to You of the 27th. Ultimo, and this you will receive by Messieurs Robinson and Crawford who arrived here from Bombay the 9th. Instant in their way to Europe ———

They left Bombay the 3d. of December, and I am sorry to observe contradict the report mentioned in my last of the Capture of the twelve French Ships, they advise that Sir Richard Bickerton with five Sail of the Line returned to Bombay from Madras the 30th. November, Sir Edward Hughes with the fleet having left the latter place for Bombay two or three days before her arrival there, that the Mercury was under sailing orders for this Gulph, and only waited for the arrival of Sir Edward Hughes to proceed immediately

Bushire the 11th. February 1783 —

I am with much esteem —
Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

No.18 —

To William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora,

Sir

I received yesterday evening your favor of the 12th. and would in the same hour have returned your Express Boat had She not unluckily Sprung a Leak, occasioned by her taking the ground in coming into this harbour, which renders it absolutely necessary that She should be brought on Shore to repair. ———

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رسالة رقم ١٩ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش، المقيم البريطاني في البصرة، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [٩٧] (٢/٢)

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The 27th Ultimo there ca[illegible] [illegible] to forward a Packet to your address received the same day from the Broker at Muscat which I suspect gave cover to the letters from India of which you have received advice, but the Broker in his letter to me, did not mention from whence they came, and was equally silent as to the arrival of Messieurs Robinson and Crawford from Bombay, nor did the Dow which brought the Packet in question though she touched at Congoon bring any Accounts of them —

My last to you of the 11th Instant, which with this, will be delivered to you by the Gentlemen abovementioned, will inform you that they arrived here the 2d Instant, and that they wholly contradict the flattering report of the Capture of the 12 French Ships which Coja Aviat Marcar desired his Correspondent at Bussora to communicate to you, and which I also advised you of in my letter of the 27th Ultimo, having unluckily been out of Town when the Report was first received, and the opportunity offered by which Coja Aviat wrote —

Messieurs Robinson and Crawford are much obliged to you for your offer of the Express boat, and would willingly accept of it, but the Dow on which they now go being ready to sail they think they shall reach Bussora sooner than the Boat, the Noquedah of her having informed me that she will not be ready for Sea till the day after tomorrow —

I am with much esteem —
Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 20th February 1783
No. 19. —

To
William Digges Latouche Esqre.
Resident at Bussora,

Sir,

Inclosed is duplicate of my last to You of the 20th Instant by Messieurs Robinson and Crawford, since when I have not received any news from Muscat or India —

I now return Your Express Boat, and am with much esteem, —
Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 23d February 1783
No. 20 —

To
William Digges Latouche Esqre.
Resident at Bussora,

Sir,

I wrote you last the 23d Instant by the return of your Express Boat, of which the inclosed is duplicate —

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This you will receive by the Mercury Packet & Mr. Augustus Joseph Applegath which I have the pleasure to inform you arrived here yesterday afternoon. – She left Bombay the 27th Ultimo and I am with much esteem

Bushire the 25th February 1783. –

Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servant

No. 21. –

To
The Honorable William Hornby Esqr.
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay –

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

My last respects to You was dated the 5th October by Messieurs Bane and Burnet, of which the inclosed is duplicate, and it is with much Satisfaction I have to inform your Honor &ca of my having since disposed of the following Woollens, the whole of the Honorable Companys remains at this Settlement, at the undermentioned prices –

Fine Cloth	6 Pieces	@ Rupees 4.2.10 ⅌ Guz	with an Addition of 9 ⅌ Cent on the amount –
Coarse do.	78 do.	2.3.15	

Perpetuanoes 140 do. @ 40 Rupees ⅌ Piece, the great advance on the Perpets which your Honor &ca will observe never before sold for more than 21 Rupees the Piece was owing to the sortment being particularly in demand, and the whole of them Scarlet, and here I think it my duty to observe to your Honor &ca that Woollens of all Kinds has for a time back been in the greatest demand, and that I have not the least doubt of a speedy Sale of the greatest part, if not the whole of the Woollens Indented for by the Betsy in June 1781 Should your Warehouses admit of your indulging me with them by the next opportunity, and they should arrive here before the close of the Winter. –

In my last respects of the 5th October I advised your Honor &ca of the Plunder of Bahreen by the Arabs from Zebarra in September last, and that Shaik Nasser was preparing to proceed against Zebarra in consequence of orders from Isfahan, the collecting a sufficient force for the Expedition in question took Shaik Nasser to the 12th December, when his fleet consisting of four Large Galivats, thirteen or fourteen Dows, and nearly as many Boats having on board about 2000 of the Dashistan Arabs sailed for Bahreen under the Command of his Nephew Shaik Mahomet, and a further reinforcement of three Galivats from Bunderick followed a few days after; notwithstanding this force was considered fully sufficient for the Capture of Zebarra nothing has yet been done, which confirms the general Opinion that Shaik Nasser wish

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to bring the Arabs to terms by blocking up their Port, and in consequence stopping their trade, rather than by a more active Conduct, the Persian fleet is kept constantly Cruizing between Bahreen and Sebarra, and the Arabs not having a force Sufficient to Oppose them have already offered through Meer Gunnass of Bundereek to restore to Shaik Nasser the whole of the Plunder taken at Bahhreen if he would make Peace with them, but as Meer Gunnass was unsuccessfull, Shaik Rashed of Julfar to whom they have given more extensive powers, has undertaken to settle every thing to the satisfaction of both Parties — Shaik Rasheds son arrived here the 23^d Instant with a letter from his father on this subject, and as Shaik Nasser will his self proceed to Bahhreen in a few days it is imagined a Peace will taken place in all the next month. ———

No alteration has taken place in the interior parts of Persia since the date of my last respects, every thing remains quiet at Isfahan and by the last Advices from thence it appears that Ally Morad Khans conduct begins to be much Approved of — By his order a Phirmaund was lately sent by Seead Morad Khan the Governor of Schiraz sent to the Merchants in general of Bushire, assuring them of every protection, and that their Merchandize shall pass and repass without any fresh impositions, as heretofore ———

The 2^d Instant Messieurs Allen Robinson and Archibald Crawford arrived here from Muscat and Bombay in their way to Europe, they left Bombay the 3^d December, and departed for Bussora the 20^th of this month ——

I have the pleasure to inform your Honor &ca that the Mercury Packet M^r Augustus Joseph Applegath arrived here the 24^th Instant in the afternoon, having on board Colonel Douglas, Captains Gage and Campbell, Lieutenants Fitzgerald and Dacer and M^r Duchy Passengers in their way to Europe and having supplied her with a Pilot she sailed again for Bussora the Evening following. ———

As the present troubles between the Arabs and Persian renders every conveyance by boat most precarious, I do not think it prudent to send the Monthly Accounts of the Settlement by this opportunity — the Honorable Companys balance of the Cash at this Settlement under the 31^st Ultimo amounted to Rupees 10612.4.18 — by the return of the Mercury I shall do myself the pleasure of remitting your Honor &ca as great of it as I can spare, and am with the greatest respect, ———

Honorable Sir and Sirs —

Your very obedient humble Servant ——

Bushire the 28^th February 1783 —

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رسالة رقم ٢٣ إلى ويليام هورنبي، الرئيس والحاكم، مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٠٠] (١/١)

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To
The Honorable William Hornby Esq.re
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

The Mercury Packet Mr. Augustus Joseph Applegath which returned from Bussora yesterday is now despatched to your Honor &ca, and inclosed is duplicate of my last respects of the 28th Ultimo by boat to Muscat.

The Begler Captain Peter Scott from Bengal with a freight Cargo of Piece Goods for Bussora arrived here the 17th Instant, and departed again the 22d following on her way to Bussora. Captains Symes, Kelso, Johnson, Francis and Barber who arrived from Muscat the 13th Instant in their way to Europe took advantage of the Beglers proceeding to Bussora and went upon her —

Shaik Nasser with the Bushire Snow, Six Galivats and Sundry Boats left this for Bahhreen the 23d Instant —

In a letter from Mr. Latouche of the 24th Instant received by the Mercury he mentions that two Frenchmen had arrived from Bagdat the 12th, that one of them appeared to be travelling into Persia as a Botanist, but that he had every reason to suspect the other was charged with packets of consequence for India, as he had just at the time of his writing embarked in a small boat for Muscat — Mr. Applegath though he left Bussora the same day was not so fortunate as to overtake ~~the~~ him, but I flatter myself he will be more successful between this and Muscat, and your Honor &ca may be assured should he not have already passed, and should hereafter put in here, that I will do every thing in my power to get possession of his Packets, or at least to detain him here so long as to prevent his procuring a passage to India before the setting in of the Monsoon —

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send your Honor &ca the monthly Accounts of the Settlement from the 31st August 1782 to the 28th Ultimo inclusive, and Invoice and bill of Lading of a Bag of Treasure now Shipt on board the Mercury on the Honorable Companys account and risque amounting to Rupees 3500 . 01 which reduces the balance of Cash here, as you will be informed by the Cash Account for February to Rupees 5024 3 17. I could wish to make your Honor &ca a more considerable remittance but the Disbursements for the present month will reduce the balance to some thing more than 4000 Rupees, exclusive of which another years Rent of the Factory becomes due in next month. — I am with the greatest respects

Bushire the 30th March 1783 No. 23 —

Honorable Sir and Sirs —
Your very obedient humble Servant —



رسالة رقم ٢٤ إلى السيد أغسطس جوزيف آبلجاث، قائد السفينة ميركوريباكيت، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٠١] (١/١)

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To
Mr. Augustus Joseph Applegath
in Command of the Mercury Packet

Sir,

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the Honorable the President and Council and follow their orders for your future proceedings. —

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and Am
Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 30th March 1783 — No. 24 —

To
William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora,

Sir,

By the Mercury which arrived here the 30th Ultimo in the Evening I was favored with yours of the 24th Ultimo —

The Mercury sailed again the 1st Instant in the Morning, and the inclosed letter left here by Mr. Applegath will I conclude inform you of his disappointment in not meeting with Monsieur Cotmal in his way down — no such Person I am convinced has landed here, but should he hereafter make his appearance you may depend upon it I will do my utmost to get possession of his Packets or at least prevent his departure for a time, and I consider myself much obliged to you for your information on this subject —

I am with much esteem
Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant —

Bushire the 11th April 1783 — No. 25 —

To
The Honorable William Hornby Esqr.
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

Being informed that there is a boat at Congoon getting ready to sail for Muscat, I embrace the opportunity in order to inform Your Honor &ca that the 12th Ultimo I received a private letter from Mr. Latouche at Bussora dated the 25th April, which I have the satisfaction to acquaint You contains the agreeable news of the Preliminary Articles of Peace between Great Britain and France and between Great-Britain and Spain having been signed at Versailles

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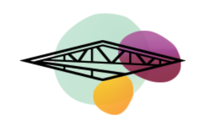
Versailles the 20th of January - The Preliminaries with Holland had not been signed, but a cessation of Hostilities with that Republick had been agreed upon —

Mr. Latouche's letter abovementioned advises also, that the French Messenger (Monsieur Cotinal) mentioned in my last respects of the 30th March to have left Bussora for Muscat, had again returned to Bussora — A Letter from Shaik Nasser to his Nephew Shaik Ghanum, in charge here, received the 29th Ultimo informs of his return to Deer, a place near Cape Verdistan, with the whole of the Persian fleet - It appears that Shaik Rashed of Julfar joined Shaik Nasser at Bahreen, and having endeavoured in vain to bring about a Peace between him and the Arabs, the Persian forces were landed at Sebarra the 17th Ultimo in order to storm the Fort which they expected to carry with little or no opposition, but they were scarcely landed when to their very great surprise a much greater force than they had been led to expect sallied out from the Fort and immediately attacked them, after an obstinate conflict of some time during which many were killed on both sides the Persians threw down their Arms fled to their Boats, and embarked on board the Galivats. Shaik Mahomet, Shaik Nasser's Nephew, was killed in the action - a Nephew of Shaik Rashed's was also killed and some People of consequence belonging to Shaik Abdulla of Ormuse - The Grain fleet consisting of six Galivats and a number of Armed Boats arrived the same day at Bahreen, set fire to, and plundered the Town and obliged the force which Shaik Nasser had left to protect the Island to retire to the Fort - this news being brought to Shaik Nasser a few hours after his unsuccessful attempt on Sebarra, determined him on immediately quitting the Arab Coast - The Bushire Bunderick and Geneva Galivats have since returned to their several Bunders in order to refit. Shaik Nasser with Shaik Rashed having proceeded to Afralu, where it is said they mean to remain till they have collected a sufficient force to return again to Sebarra - Shaik Rashed has taken an active part against the Arabs on account their having taken a boat of his, eighteen of the Crew of which they instantly put to the Sword. The 20th April Messieurs Brooke, Wolfe and Oswald arrived here from Bombay in their way to Europe, and departed for Bussora the 3d Ultimo ———

A Letter from the Broker at Muscat dated the 24th April, and received the 30th Ultimo advises that a Dingey had just arrived from the Malabar Coast with the agreeable news of Mangalore having surrendered to the English —

On Balancing the Honorable Companys Books of this Settlement ending the 30th April last it Appears that their Net Loss for the Year amounts to Rupees 6517.3. and the amount of Charges General to Rupees 9647.3.15 or a decrease of Rupees 1034.2.19. on the former and Rupees 928.1.03 on the latter when compared with the preceding Year - Permit me to observe also to Your Honor &ca that no Customs was collected during the last year, that no Treasure and Pearl freight offered, and that owing to the communication between this place and Bussora having been Stopped for some time past, and little or no Rain having fallen during the

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Winter of 1781/2. — Provisions of every Kind and Grain in particular has been kept up at a most advanced Price.

Having paid the Rent of the Factory to 30th April last the balance of Cash under the 31st ultimo amounted to Rupees, 1513.1 —

Inclosed is duplicate of my last respects of the 30th March by the Mercury, and I am with the greatest respect —

Honorable Sir and Sirs —
Your very obedient humble Servant —

Bushire the 7th June 1783. No. 26. —

To
William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora,

Sir,

My last to You was dated the 11th April, since when I have not been favored with any of yours —

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send you two Packets received yesterday evening from the Broker at Muscat, and as he writes me they contain Packets of consequence from Bombay and Surat for Europe, I now forward them overland by a Pair of trusty Cossids, having endeavoured in vain to procure an Express boat for this purpose. —

The Broker writes me that a Peace has been concluded between us and the Marattahs, and that Mangalore has surrendered to our Arms —

As I have promised to make the Cossids a proportional Gratuity for whatever time they may save of eight days between this and Bussora, I shall be obliged to you if you will note to me the exact time of their arrival, and am with much esteem. —

Sir —
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 21st June 1783. — No. 27. —

To William Digges Latouche Esqr.
Resident at Bussora,

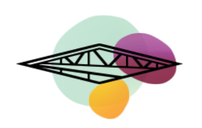
Sir,

I did myself the pleasure of writing to you last the 21st June, and the 18th ultimo Major Thomas Geils delivered me your favor of the 10th and 14th of the same month — The letter you mention to have wrote me the 17th of May I have not yet received. —

Major Geils means to wait here till the 20th Instant, when should no Vessel arrive from Bombay he will then proceed by boat to Muscat — You may be assured he shall have every assistance in my power towards forwarding him on his Voyage, as shall also Monsieur Froment, — and in case of the arrival of the Viper or any other Cruiser I will pay every attention to your request regarding any Packets or Goods that there may be on board her for Bussora —

A Private letter from Muscat received the 29th ultimo mentions that a Packet

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a Packet for Bombay despatched from Bussora about the 15th June had been received there and forwarded to Surat by the way of Scindy the 9th Ultimo —

I am with much esteem
Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant —

Bushire the 7th August 1783
No. 28 —

To
The Commander
of the Viper Cutter
or any of the Honorable Companys Cruizers

Sir,

This will be delivered to you by Major Thomas Geils an Officer on the Madras Establishment, who is charged with despatches to India of the utmost importance as well from the Honorable Company as his Majesties Ministers, and he is also furnished with the Resident of Bussora Mr. Latouche his directions to you to receive him on board and to afford him a Passage to any Port in India which he may want to proceed to — For the speedy accomplishment of the important business with which Major Geils is charged I consider it my duty (in case the Honorable the President and Council should have put you under my orders) to give you the same directions on his subject that Mr. Latouche has done, that is to receive him on board and afford him a Passage to any Port in India that he may want to proceed to — In this case you will forward to me whatever Packets you may be charged with for Bussora and Bushire by the boat which accompanies the Major. —

I am Sir —
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the
21st August 1783 No. 29

Major Geils is accompanied by Monsieur Fromont who is charged with despatches to the French Commanders in India, to him also you will afford a passage to India —

I am as above

To
The Honorable William Hornby Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council of
Bombay,

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

Major Thomas Geils of the Madras Establishment who arrived here the 18th Ultimo charged with Packets for India of the greatest consequence now proceeding to Muscat in his way to Bombay, I embrace the opportunity to forward Your Honor &ca. the duplicate of my last respects of the 7th June by the way of Congoon —

Major Geils came down here in hopes of meeting the Viper Cutter which Mr. Latouche informed him the Honble the President meant to despatch to this Gulph in all April, but not finding her here he determined on waiting as long as the Season would admit being fearful of missing her between this and Muscat should he proceed —

In a letter from Mr. Latouche of the 14th Ultimo by Major Geils he requests that that I will afford that Gentleman every assistance in my power towards forwarding him on his Voyage to India he at the same time advises me that he has wrote orders by him to the Commander of the Viper or any of the Honorable Companys Cruizers that he may meet in his passage to receive him on board and to carry him and his Packets to India, and further requests that I will inforce his orders if necessary, and as Major Geils



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Geils is of opinion that a letter from me also may be of service in forwarding the Commission he is charged with in case of meeting with a Vessel, I have furnished him with a letter to the Commander of the Viper or any of the Honorable Companys Cruizers giving him (should your Honor &ca have put him under my orders) similar directions with those of Mr. Latouche, that is to receive him on board and to afford him a passage to any Port in India that he may wish to proceed to, which I flatter myself You will approve of —

Monsieur Froment charged with despatches to the French Commanders in India arrived from Bussora with Major Geils, and will depart for Muscat the 27th. Instant, Mr. Latouche in his letter of the 14th. Ultimo having informed me that he had received the Honorable Companys orders to pay the same attention in procuring Monsieur Froment a passage to India as to Major Geils, he has had every assistance in my power to afford him —

Major Geils left England the 7th. March and advises that the Ratification of the Preliminary Articles of Peace between Great Britain and France, and between Great Britain and Spain took place the 3d. and 9th. February —

A small boat despatched by Mr. Latouche the 15th. Instant to the Broker at Muscat with a Packet for Your Honor &ca arrived here yesterday afternoon, by her I received two letters from Mr. Latouche dated the 10th. and 15th. of this month, in the former he informs me that he had ordered the boat to stop here to receive any Packets that I might have to forward to Your Honor &ca and requests that I will detain her as short a time as possible, and in the latter he mentions that an Engagement had that morning taken place between the Chaubs and Bussora Vessels and begs that I will recommend to the Commanders of any English Vessels bound to Bussora to be well on their guard in going up the River, which you may be assured I will not neglect to do — I would have despatched the Boat again last night but as Major Geils Dow will be ready this Evening I have thought it adviseable for the greater safety of the Packet to detain her till that time, Major Geils will take the Packet on board his Dow together with the Person who is charged with it, and in case of meeting with the Viper or any other of the Honorable Companys Cruizers he will immediately return the Express Boat with any despatches that may be on board the Cruizer for this place and Bussora — The 20th. June in the Evening I received a Packet from the Broker at Muscat giving cover to one for Mr. Latouche at Bussora which he informed me contained despatches for Europe from your Honor &ca and Mr. Boddam of Surat, in consequence of this information I immediately endeavoured to procure an Express boat to convey the Packet to Bussora, but no consideration would induce any one to undertake the voyage on account the Chaub boats which are constantly Cruizing near the entrance of Bussora River — I therefore hired a pair of trusty Cossids to convey it over land, they departed the next day at Noon and I have the pleasure to learn from Mr. Latouche that he received the packet in question the 2d. Ultimo in the morning —

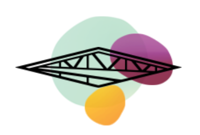
Shaik Nasir returned to Bushire the 12th. June and the 5th. Instant his Nephew Shaik Rashed arrived from Bahreen having been under the necessity of surrendering the Fort of Bahreen to the Arabs the 23d. Ultimo — The remains of the Persian Garrison came over with Shaik Rashed —

A Part of the Bushire fleet was to have sailed about the 5th. Instant for Assalu but

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a letter from Sheraz to Shaik Nasir received the 2d informing him that Ally Morad Khan was sending six thousand Men to assist him in the reduction of Tebarra &ca put a Stop to its departure, in the mean time it is reported that Shaik Abdulla of Ormuse and Shaik Rashed of Julfar will shortly proceed to Afsalu in order to meet Shaik Nasir —

I have the pleasure to inform your Honor &ca that every thing remains quiet at Sheraz and Isfahan, and as the demand for Woollens still continues very great Permit me to hope that You will shortly be able to comply with my Indent for this Article of the 12th June 1782 by the Betsy Snow, Captain William Morris —

The 24th Ultimo the Mustafa Grab belonging to the Beneshroff Arabs freighted by Salleh Chillaby arrived here from Surat, and sailed for Bussora the day following —

Inclosed your Honor &ca will please to receive the monthly Accounts of this Settlement for March, April, May, and June, — and in a separate Packet a Set of General Books commencing the 1st May 1782 and ending the 30th April 1783, and I am with the greatest respect —

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 21st August 1783 No 30.

To
William Digges Latouche Esqr
Resident at Bussora,

Sir,

Since my last to You of the 7th Ultimo of which the inclosed is duplicate, I have been favored with yours of the 10th and 15th of the same month by Express Boat which arrived the 20th following at 3 about 3 o'Clock in the afternoon —

Agreeable to your request I should have despatched the Boat again the same Evening to Muscat but as Major Giels was still here and offered to take your Packet for the Governor and Council of Bombay with the Person who had charge of it on board his Dow I thought it advisable for the greater safety of the Packet to put it under his care — His Dow was to have been got ready the 21st in the Evening, but being upon the Beach and the Tides not rising so high as was expected it was the 23d before she could be got into the Water, and the 25th about 7 o'Clock in the Morning before she sailed — Monsieur Froment accompanied Major Giels —

The Express boat sailed at the same time in order to be returned with the Packets of any Cruiser the Major might meet in his way down, but in case she should proceed to Muscat I have desired the Broker to pay the Noquedah any money that you may have ordered on account his freight, but to refer the settling of the promised gratuity to you. —

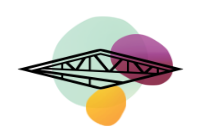
Your letter to the Calantar of Genowa I forwarded the 1st Instant, and at the same time wrote to him on the subject of your of your Express boats having been plundered at Carrack —

I am obliged to you for the information with respect to the Engagement which took place the 15th Ultimo between the Chaubs and Bussora Vessels —

The Viper Cutter Lieutenant Thomas Hardie which anchored here yesterday afternoon now proceeds to Bussora; she left Bombay the 9th July and carries Packets of the greatest consequence for Europe — I have furnished Mr Hardie with a copy of your letter of the 15th Ultimo in order to put him upon his guard in going up Bussora River — and am with much esteem

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Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 5th September 1783 No. 31.

To
Lieutenant Thomas Hardie
in Command of the Viper Cutter

Sir,

Wind and Weather permitting You are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bussora, on your arrival there you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the Resident Mr. William Digges Latouche and follow his orders for your future proceedings. — Mr. Latouche having informed me in a letter dated the 15th Ultimo that an Engagement had that morning taken place between the Chaubs and Bussora Vessels, and as it has been reported here that another engagement has since taken place, I beg leave to recommend to you to be well on your guard in going up Bussora River, at the same time however to shew as little suspicion of the Chaubs as possible, and not to molest any of their Vessels unless you are first attacked by them. — I wish you a pleasant and Speedy passage, and Am, —

Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 5th September 1783 No. 32

To
The Honorable William Hornby Esqr.
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay —

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

By the Viper Cutter Lieutenant Thomas Hardie which arrived here the 4th Ultimo in the afternoon I was favored with your Commands of the 28th June, inclosing Extracts from the Honorable Companys Commands dated the 12th July 1782 —

Mr. Hardie left Muscat the 19th of August but saw nothing of Major Geils Dow in his Passage up. I had the pleasure to learn from him however that a boat was getting ready at Muscat to sail for India the beginning of September, so that Major Geils would in all probability arrive there in time to profit by the conveyance, but at any rate a boat having already sailed he would meet with no difficulty in procuring a Passage from thence to India, this circumstance considered together with the importance of your Honor &ca Packets by the Viper and in case of returning that Vessel for Major Geils, the impossibility of sending them by Sea on Account the War between the Persians Arabs, and the very great risk attending a land conveyance, proceeding from some disputes which have lately taken place between the Shaiks of Bunderick and Genowa, and the War between the Turks and Chaub Arabs induced me to despatch her immediately to Bussora; which I flatter myself will meet your approbation —

Having procured a Pilot for the Viper as speedily as possible, and furnished Mr. Hardie with every necessary direction for his conduct in the event of meeting with the Chaubs Galivats in Bussora River she sailed again the next day, and the 7th Instant I had the satisfaction to receive a letter from Mr. Latouche dated the 23d Ultimo, advising

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me of her safe arrival at Bussora the 14th following, the whole of the Chaub's Galivats were in the River but did not in any respect offer to molest her —

It affords me the greatest concern to hear from your Honor &ca that no Woollens have yet arrived from England for this Market, the demand for which still continues very great in every part of Persia — The disputes between the Shaiks of Benderick and Genowa as abovementioned proceed from the latter his supporting Meer Jaan, who was formerly Governor of Benderick, in his pretensions to that Place — Advices just received from Congoon mention the arrival there of upwards of Sixty Dow and Boats belonging to Shaik Rashed of Julfar and Shaik Abdulla of Ormuse in order to join Shaik Nasir against the Tebarra and Grain Arabs, but the 6000 men which it was said Ally Morad Khan was sending to his assistance, as mentioned in my last respects to Your Honor &ca being not yet arrived it is very uncertain when Shaik Nasir will proceed to join them. —

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send You duplicate of my last respects of the 21st August by Major Thomas Eiels and I am with the greatest respect —

Honorable Sir and Sirs

Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 12th October 1783 No. 33

To William Digges Latouche Esqr.

Resident at Bussora,

Sir,

I receive the 7th Instant your favor of the 23d Ultimo inclosing duplicate of your letter of the 17th May, the original of which miscarried —

I am to thank you for the intelligence you have done me the favor to communicate to me, the Signature of the Preliminaries of Peace and Ratification, had before reached me by Private letters, but of the intended Expedition under the Command of the Baron de St. Genie your letter of the 17th May gives me the first notice, and I am glad to find you have not since heard any thing further regarding it. —

Shaik Rasheds fleet arrived here the 4th Instant in order to join Shaik Nasir against the Tebarra and Grain Arabs, and Shaik Abdullas fleet is daily expected from Ormuse for the same purpose —

I am with much esteem,

Sir —

Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 19th October 1783. No. 34

To

The Honorable William Hornby Esqr.

President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay —

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

The Viper Cutter having returned from Bussora last night she a



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now despatched to your Honor &ca and inclosed is duplicate of my last respects of the 12th October by Boat to Muscat —

A Letter from Mr Latouche dated the 24th Instant received by the Viper I have the satisfaction to inform You advises that the Preliminaries of Peace with Holland was signed at Paris the 2d Sept. and Definitive Treaties with France, Spain and America the day following —

Shaik Rasheds fleet mentioned in my last respects to be coming to assist Shaik Nasser against the Tebarra and Graine Arabs arrived here the 14th October, but the report of Shaik Abdullas fleet being with them proved premature, and as Shaik Rasheds fleet has since made a Voyage to Bussora and again returned to Julfar, and no preparations whatever are making here it appears that Shaik Nasser has dropt his design of making a second expedition to the Arab Coast at least for the present —

I have the pleasure to inform Your Honor &ca that every thing remains quiet in the interior parts of Persia and at this place, and that the demand for Woollens still continues very great. —

Inclosed your Honor &ca will please to receive the Monthly Accounts of the Settlement from the 1st July to 30th November inclusive, and an Indent of Medicines for the use of this Settlement which I beg leave to request you will favor me with by the first opportunity. —

From the Monthly Accounts it will appear to Your Honor &ca that I have been under the necessity of taking up money at Interest to defray the Charges of the Settlement since the month of July last, and that the Honorable Companys debt to the Resident on this account under the 30th Ultimo amounted to Rupees 4558.1.07 Principal —

I am with the greatest respect
Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 31st
December 1783 — No 35

To
Lieutenant Thomas Hardie
in Command of the Viper Cutter

Sir, Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the Honorable the President and Council and follow their orders for your future proceedings —

I wish you a pleasant and successful passage and am
Sir —
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 31st December 1783
No 36.

To
William Digges Latouche Esqr
Resident at Bussora,

Sir,
By the Viper which arrived here the 30th Ultimo

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رسالة رقم ٣٧ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش، المقيم البريطاني في البصرة، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١١٠] (٢/٢)

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in the evening I was favored with yours of the 24th of the same month and consider myself much obliged to you for the intelligence it contained - The Viper sailed again for India the 1st Instant.

The Bombay Grab Commodore George Emptage arrived here the 23d Instant and now proceeds to Bussora, and I am with much esteem, -

Bushire the 28th January 1784
No. 37

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant,

To
Commodore George Emptage

Sir,

Wind and Weather permitting You are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bussora, where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying packet to Mr. William Digges Latouche and follow his orders for your future proceedings. ——

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am

Bushire the 28th January 1784 No. 38.

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant,

To
William Digges Latouche Esqre.
Resident at Bussora

Sir,

My last to You of the 28th January by the Bombay Grab you acknowledge the receipt of, and last night I was favored with yours of the 24th ultimo by boat Express —

I am happy to hear of the safe arrival of the Basha's Galivat at Bussora, and will pay every attention to your request respecting any others that may arrive here from Bombay, and give you the most speedy intelligence of their arrival —

I now return your Express boat and am with much esteem,

Bushire the 4th March 1784. No. 39.

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant,

To
The Honorable William Hornby Esqre.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay,

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

By the Bombay Grab Commodore George Emptage which arrived here the 23d of January in the Evening I was favored with your Honor &c. Commands of the 30th November 1783, giving cover to sundry Paragraphs of the Honorable Companys Commands of the 26th September 1782, 15th and 23d January and 6th March 1783, to which the strictest obedience shall be observed. —

It affords me the sincerest satisfaction to observe that your Honor &c. had received a supply of Woollens for this Market, and that you purposed despatching the Europa with them as soon as She could be got ready for Sea. and I have the pleasure to inform you that though the season is so far advanced the demand for Woollens is still very considerable. —

The Bombay Grab sailed for Bussora the 29th of January at day break — the Soleman Galivat having parted company with her in a hard Northwester to the Southward of Cape Verdistan did not arrive here till the 4th Ultimo - She sailed again the 8th and I have the pleasure to hear arrived at Bussora the 14th following. ——

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رسالة رقم ٤٠ إلى ويليام هورنبي، الرئيس والحاكم في مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١١١] (٢/٢)

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Mr. Latouche in a letter of the 24th February received the 29th of the same month having requested in case any more of the Bashaw's Gallivats should arrived here from Bombay that I will not permit of their proceeding from here without convoy, and that I will give him immediate intelligence of their arrival, your Honor &c may be assured I shall most strictly comply with his desire – Before the departure of the Soleman Gallivat I gave Mr. Wales, the Gentleman in charge of her, every information in my power as to the situation of affairs at Bussora —

Malik Eyaut the Naique of the Bushire Factory Guard having requested permission to return to India on account his health he now proceeds on the Grab, Noor Mahomet Naique of the Bombay Grabs detachment remaining here in his room — Malik Eyaut arrived here on the Morning the 16th November 1780 and has received 140 Rupees or 20 months Pay to the 31st December 1783 —

The Bombay Grab returned from Bussora the 27th Instant at night and is now despatched to your Honor &c —

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send you the duplicate of my last respects of the 31st December by the Viper Cutter, and the monthly Accounts of the Settlement for December, January and February – Under the 29th of the latter month the Honorable Companys debt to the Resident amounted to Rupees 8976:3:04: Principal —

Inclosed also you will please to receive a Manifest of Pearl and Treasure freight shipped on board the Bombay Grab amounting to Rupees 373 — which being payable in India the Presidency shall be debited for three fourths thereof or Rupees 279.3.15. —

I am with the greatest respect
Honorable Sir and Sirs,
Your very obedient humble Servant,

Bushire the 30th
March 1784 — No. 40.

To
Commodore George Emptage

Sir,

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where, on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the Honorable the President and Council and follow their orders for your future proceedings —

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am,
Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servant,

Bushire the 30th
March 1784. – No. 41.

To
William Digges Latouche Esqre.
Resident at Bussora,

Sir,

My last to you was dated the 1st. Ultimo and the 28th following I was favored with yours of the 21st of the same month by the Bombay Grab, which sailed for Bombay the 30th —

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Europa Captain William Applegath arrived here yesterday Afternoon – She will remain here 'till joined by the Panther which the Honorable the President and Council inform me would shortly be despatched to the Gulph in order to accompany her to Bussora &c

A Packet from our Honorable Superiors to your Address received by the Europa I shall do myself the pleasure to forward you by the Panther — and Am with much esteem
Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 6th April 1784. No. 42.

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رسالة رقم ٤٣ إلى ويليام ديجز لاتوش، المقيم البريطاني في البصرة، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١١٢] (١/١)

To
William Digges Latouche Esq.re
Resident at Bussora,

Sir,

The Neptune Packet Captain William Thomas which arrived here this morning with despatches from Bengal now proceeding to Bussora, I embrace the opportunity to forward you the duplicate of my last of the 6th Instant by a Private Messenger over land —

A Snow under Danish Colours anchored here this morning, the Commander of her is not yet come on Shore, but I am informed She is from Bengal also —

The Packet to your Address received by the Europa, as mentioned in the inclosed duplicate, I now do myself the pleasure of sending you and am with much esteem —

Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servant,

Bushire the 17th April 1784. — No. 43

To
William Digges Latouche Esq.re
Resident at Bussora

Sir,

I received yesterday morning your favor of the 23d Instant, and am happy to hear that the Government of Bussora has engaged that the Bacha shall in future act so as to give you every reason to be satisfied with him —

If Captain Renaud of the Danish Snow should apply to me for Convoy to Bussora I will agreeable to your request, desire the Commander of any Company's Vessel which may arrive here from Bombay to afford him Convoy accordingly —

I now return your Express Boat and am with much esteem,

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant,

Bushire the 29th April 1784 —
No. 44 —

To
William Digges Latouche Esq.re
Resident at Bussora,

Sir

I have already wrote You under this date by the Panther and this serves purposely to inclose a duplicate Copy of my Sailing Orders to Captain William Applegath of the Europa which I have directed him to forward to you by the very first opportunity after his arrival at the Bar of Bussora River —

I am with the greatest esteem
Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 19th May 1784
No. 45

To
William Digges Latouche Esq.re
Resident at Bussora,

Sir,

Inclosed is duplicate of my last of the 24th Ultimo and this you will receive by the Panther Snow Captain Joseph Alderson which arrived here the 16th in the

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Evening —

I have the satisfaction to inform you that a Treaty of Peace and Friendship was concluded the 11th March between the Honorable Company and the Nabob Tippo Saheb in his Camp near Mangalore —

The Danish Snow sailed for Bussora Bar yesterday morning where She will remain in Company with the Europa untill the return of the Panther from Bussora, when Captain Renaud flatters himself that you will order her to be convoyed up the River — Captain Renaud would have applied for Convoy from here, but his Snow being a most heavy sailing Vessel, and understanding that the Panther carried Packets of the greatest consequence he acknowledged that he could not make the request until She has delivered the Packet with which She is charged —

Agreeable to the Honorable the President and Council their Commands by the Panther the Europa is now despatched to Bussora Bar, and inclosed I have pleasure to send you a Copy of my Sailing Order to Captain William Applegath her Commander —

The Begler Captain Peter Scott from Bengal arrived here yesterday morning and I hear will sail again for Bussora in a day or two —

Bushire the 19th May 1784 — No. 46 —

I am with the greatest esteem,
Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servant,

To
Captain Joseph Alderson
Commander of the Panther Snow

Sir,

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bussora, where, on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to William Digges Latouche Esqre. the Honorable Companys Resident and follow his orders for your future proceedings —

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am

Bushire the 19th May 1784 — No. 47

Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servant —

To
William Applegath Esqre.
Commander of the Europa

Sir,

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh Anchor and make the best of your way to Bussora Bar — On your arrival there you will forward the accompanying Packet to William Digges Latouche Esqre. the Honorable Companys Resident at Bussora, and follow his orders for your future proceedings —

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am,

Bushire the 19th May 1784 — No. 48 —

Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servant —

To
William Digges Latouche Esqre.
Resident at Bussora

Sir,

I received yesterday morning your favor of the 27th ultimo by the Boat despatched by Coja Petrus Lucas —

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The Begler sailed from here the 24th Ultimo and I have the pleasure to learn from Captain Scott that She passed the Bar of Bussora River the 29th following Before Captain Scott's departure for Bussora I gave him every information in my power as to the situation of affairs between the Turks and Chaub, as I did also to the Commanders of the Europa and Panther —

My last letters to you were dated the 19th Ultimo and went by the Europa and Panther, and I am with much esteem,

Sir,
Your very obedient humble servant

Bushire the 3d June
1784 — No. 49 —

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqre.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay —

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

Since my last respects of the 30th March by the Bombay Grab Commodore George Emptage (a duplicate of which is now inclosed) I have been favored with your Honor &ca. Commands of the 3d January, 6th of February, and 7th of April, the two former by the Europa Captain William Applegath, which arrived here the 5th of April inclosing Invoice and Bill of Lading of 185 Bales of Woollens received by that Vessel, Copy of your Sailing Orders to Captain Applegath and a Packet for the Resident at Bussora, and the latter by the Panther Captain Joseph Alderson which arrived here the 17th of May —

Your Honor &ca. Commands of the 3d of January having informed me of the Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqre. having succeeded to the Government of Bombay in consequence of the departure of the late Honorable President for Europe I beg leave to offer him my sincerest congratulations on the occasion, and Agreeable to your Orders I shall in future address my letters to that Gentleman —

It is with much concern I have to inform your Honor &ca. that your Consignment of Woollens by the Europa for this market still remain on hand, a short time after the arrival of the Europa the Sheikh and Merchants paid me a Visit on their subject, on account the hot weather having Commenced the Perpets alone, or with a very small proportion of the Broad Cloth but as the making such a sale would most undoubtedly retard the disposal of the Remains, in the proper Season even (Perpetuanoes being at all times in demand) I thought it advisable to reject their offer, — since that period they have again applied to me on the same subject, wanting me to allow them a much larger proportion of Scarlet Perpets than usual in consideration of their taking the Broad Cloth at this unfavourable season, but as such a compli=ance would introduce a Custom highly prejudicial to the Honorable Companys interests in future and the time is fast advancing when they will be glad to take the whole on the same terms as formerly, I again rejected their offers which I flatter myself will meet your Approbation —

The Neptune Packet Captain William Thomas from Bengal arrived here the 17th April in her way to Bussora, and sailed again for that place the same Evening —

Having given Captain Applegath his Orders agreeable to your Honor &ca. Commands by the Panther the Europa sailed for Bussora bar the 19th May, the Panther at the same time departed for Bussora, as did also the Fredericknagur Snow under Danish Colours commanded by Captain Francis Renaud which arrived from Bengal the 17th April with a Cargo of Bengal Goods, for Bussora — The Begler Captain Peter Scott a Cargo of freight Goods

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Goods from Bengal and Madras for this place and Bussora ~~arrived~~ here the 18th of May and sailed again the 21st following —

I am sorry to observe to your Honor &c there appears to be a mistake in the Manifest of Pearl and Treasure freight by the Bombay Grab of one hundred Rupees the amount of freight collected being two hundred and twenty three Rupees instead of three hundred and twenty three as mentioned in my respects to you by that Vessel, and agreeable to the corrected amount I have debted the Presidency for 3/4th thereof or Rupees two hundred four three quarters and fifteen reas 204.3.15 —

From Acct of the Honorable Companys Books of this Settlement ending the 30th of April last which I have now the pleasure to forward you in a separate Packet it will appear to your Honor &ca that their Net loss from the 1st May 1783 to that time amounted to Rupees ten thousand seven hundred sixty two, three quarters and twelve reas 10762.3.12 and the amount of Charges General to Rupees ten thousand two hundred twenty. three quarters, and six Reas 10220.3.06 or an increase of Rupees four thousand two hundred forty five, and twelve reas 4245.–12 on the former and Rupees five hundred seventy two, four quarter and eleven reas 572.4.11 on the latter when compared with the preceding year – The increase of the Net loss arises in great measure from the inability of your Honor &ca to supply me with any Woollens during last year as you will observe the Profit on the sale of that Article from the 1st May 1782 to the 30th of April 1783 amounted to Rupees three thousand eight hundred sixty six and four reas 3866.–04. and the increase of Charges General I beg leave to assure you proved unavoidable, the whole of the difference having been owing to the advanced price of Provisions of every Kind, and to some necessary repairs to the Old part of the Factory —

Having exchanged five Sepoys of this Factory Guard for a like number of the Europa's Detachment inclosed your Honor &ca will receive a List of their Names and the Pay they have received here &c, – the other Sepoys preferring to continue here I have granted his request –

Inclosed you will please to receive the monthly Accounts of the Settlement for March, April, May and June, the Honorable Companys debt to the Resident under the 30th ultimo amounted to Rupees twelve thousand eight hundred eighty six and two quarters 12886.2. Principal —

The Begler Captain Peter Scott returned from Bussora the 15th Instant, and the Europa Captain William Applegath from the Bar of Bussora river the day following; the former sails to day for Bengal direct and the latter is now despatched to your Honor &ca, and I am with the greatest respect —

Honorable Sir and Sirs

Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 24th July 1784 — No 50

To
William Applegath Esqr
Commander of the Europa

Sir

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed

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to weigh anchor, and make the best of your way to Bombay, where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packets to the Honorable the President and Council and follow their Orders for your future proceedings —

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am,

Sir,

Your very obedient humble Servant —

Bushire the 24th July 1784 — No 51.

List of Sepoys of the Bushire factory Guard returned to Bombay on the Europa Captain William Applegath the Pay they have received here Vea Vizt.

Names	Left Bombay	Arrived at Bushire	Pay received &ca
4 Jamal Khan —	16th March 1780	the 28th April 1780 ꝑ Eagle —	24 — Months @ 6 Rs ꝑm° Ech — 144.
1 Sheikh Ayath —	31st December 1779	the 1st February 1780 ꝑ Ranger —	26 do each @ do — 468 —
2 Sheikh Isaac			
3 Jaffer Khan			
5 Sheikh Kally —		the 13th May 1782 ꝑ Mercury —	12 do — do — do . 72
			Rarge Rupees 684 —

Bushire the 24th July 1784

Errors Excepted ꝑr

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To

William Digges Latouche Esqre

Resident at Bussora,

Sir,

By the Europa Captain William Applegath which arrived here the 16th Ultimo I was favored with yours of the 10th of the same month —

Agreeable to your request I should have despatched the Europa in a very short time after her arrival, but it being the month of Ramazan in which little business is done by the Country people, Captain Applegath could not complete his Supplies for the Vessel till the 24th Ultimo, when he sailed for Bombay the day following —

This you will receive by the Scorpion Captain Charles Pickett which arrived here yesterday evening from Bombay and I am with the greatest esteem, —

Sir. —

Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 31st August 1784

No 53.

The Scorpion being yet here favors me with an opportunity of acknowledging the receit of your favor of the 22d Instant by the Panther, which together with the Neptune Packet arrived here yesterday evening —

I consider myself much obliged to you for the information you have favored me with touching the war between the Turks and Chaub Arabs, and it affords me the sincerest satisfaction to hear of your being on such good terms with the latter —

The Panther and Neptune will sail tomorrow evening for Bombay and Bengal, and the Fredericknagur which arrived here the 29th Ultimo will at the same time depart for the latter place —

I am as above —

The 1st September 1784.

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Bushire the 3rd September 1784

Indent of Woollens for the Bushire Market Vizt. —

Item			
Broad Cloth 110 Bales Vizt.			
Superfine Mosleys		5	
Coarse — do		30	
Superfine Cloth 5 Bales Vizt.			
Scarlet	1		
dark Brown	1		
Light Blue	1		
Popinjay	1		
Purple	1	5	
Coarse Cloth 50 Bales Vizt.			
Scarlet	7		
Grass Emerald and French Green	20		
Crimson	3		
Mazarine Blue	12		
Light do	8	50	
Worsters 20 Bales Vizt.			
Scarlet	2		
Crimson	1		
Mazarine Blue	4		
Light do	3		
Grass Emerald and French Green	10	20	110
Perpetuanoes 250 Bales Vizt.			
Scarlet		65	
Mazarine Blue		50	
Sky — do		50	
Grass Saxon Emerald and French Green		85	250
		Bales —	360

To

The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.

President and Governor &ca. Council of

Bombay —

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

By the Scorpion Captain Charles Pickett which arrived here the 30th Ultimo in the Evening I was favored with your Commands of the 27th of June covering an Extract from the Honorable Companys Commands dated the 24th September 1783 and a Copy of his Majestys Proclamation of the Definitive Treaties with the most Christian King and the King of Spain and to all which I shall observe the most strict obedience —

The Scorpion having received on board sundry Supplies and a Pilot for Bussora Bar She sailed for Bussora Early this morning —

By

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By a Cossid who arrived here a few days since from Isfahan we are informed that Ally Morad Khan left that place the 1st Ultimo with a very considerable force where he is gone is not yet certainly known, but it is generally supposed that his designs are against Fateh Ally Khan of Azarbijan who has lately declared against him – Hossein Khan of Khorasan it is reported has also declared against him and that Jaffer Khan (the only surviving Son of the late Sadoc Khan) has Rebelled and joined the Bactrians. —

The above reports have given some little check to Trade but As the Merchants still continue to send Goods to Sheraz it appears that they either do not give much credit to them or at all events that they do not expect any disturbance of consequence. —

The Frederick nagur returned from Bussora the 29th Ultimo and the Panther and Neptune the 31st the former sailed for Bengal yesterday morning and the Neptune Packet for Bengal also proceeds in company with the Panther, which is now dispatched to your Honor &c —

Inclosed your Honor &c will please to receive the duplicate of my last respects of the 24th July duplicate list of Sepoys returned to Bombay by the Europa and the Accounts of the Settlement for last month – the Honorable Companys debt to the Resident under the 31st July amounted to Rupees 13628.2.17. Principal. —

As it is more than probable (should no material disturbance take place in the Interior parts) the Consignment of Woollens your Honor &ca favored me with by the Europa will be wholly disposed of during the approaching Winter I now inclose you an Indent for 360 Bales of Woollens which I am to request you will supply me with by any convenient opportunity before the Autumn of 1785 —

I am with the greatest respect
Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 3d
September 1784. No. 55.

To
Captain Joseph Alderson
Commander of the Panther

Sir,

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the Honorable the President and Council and follow their Orders for your future proceedings. —

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am
Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servant,

Bushire the
3d September 1784. No. 56.

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqre.
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay —

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

The inclosed is duplicate of my last respects to You of the 3d Ultimo by



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the Panther Captain Joseph Alderson, and duplicate Indent of Woollens for this market.

It affords me the sincerest satisfaction to inform your Honor &c. of my having sold the 26th Ultimo to Shaick Nasir, Aga Hossein and Hodgee Ismael, the whole of your Consignment of Woollens by the Europa consisting of seventy Bales of Broad Cloth and one hundred and fifteen Bales of Perpets at the usual prices or

Superfine Medleys	8 Rupees ⅌ Guz	
Coarse ditto	4.3	do
Fine Cloth	4.2.10	do
Coarse do	2.3.15	do
Worsters	3.1.05	do
Perpetuanoes	21 Rupees ⅌ piece	

and an addition of ten ⅌ Cent on half the amount of the purchase in consideration of the high price of Silver, the whole to be cleared in all this month, and the money paid in proportion to the Woollens delivered.

The Merchants having advanced to the amount of Rupees 34991 — 10 on account the above purchase it is now Consigned to your Honor &c. by the Scorpion as ⅌ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed, and as soon as they have completed the whole amount I shall immediately discharge the Hon.ble Companys debt to the Resident which under the 30th Ultimo amounted to Rupees 16158.4.18 Principal.

A few days after the departure of the Panther a Choppar arrived from Isfahan with an account of the arrival of Ally Morad Khan at Tehran — He contradicted the reports mentioned in my last respects relative to Fatch Ally Khan of Azarbyjan, Hossein Khan of Kharasan and Jaffer Khan, but said that Mahomed Khan of Mazanderan has actually declared against Ally Morad Khan and that he was waiting at Tehran for certain information as to the force of Mahomed Khan, having immediately on his arrival there despatched his Son into the Province of Mazanderan for this purpose — and the 4th Instant two Messengers arrived here with a Phirmaund from Ally Morad Khan to the Sheikh advising him that Mahomed Khan had quitted Mazanderan and fled to the Northward, and that the whole Province had submitted to him in consequence. —

The Scorpion arrived from Bussora the 16th in the morning and is now despatched to your Honor &c. — I have the pleasure to send you inclosed also the monthly Accounts of the Settlement for August and September and am with the greatest respect —

Bushire the 18th
October 1784 No. 57

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant,

To
Captain Charles Pickett
Commander of the Scorpion,

Sir,

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the Honorable the President and Council, and follow their Orders for your future proceedings — I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am,

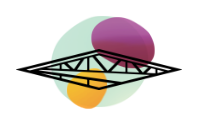
Bushire the
18th October 1784. No. 58.

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esq.r
President and Governor &c. Council of Bombay.

I have the satisfaction to inform You that the Viper Cutter Lieutenant

Thomas



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Thomas Hardies in Company with two Galivats under the Command of Lieutenant Charles Luther and Mr. John Wale arrived here the 25th Instant and sailed again for Bussora the 27th in the Evening – By the former I was favored with your Commands of the 20th November inclosing Extract from the Honorable Companys Commands dat[ed] the 16th of March last, and two Extracts of an Act of Parliament of the 24th year of his present Majestys Reign, and to all which I shall observe the most strict obedience. –

In my last respects of the 18th of October by the Scorpion Captain Charles Pickett (which I have the pl[easure] to observe you had received) I advised your Honor &ca of my having disposed of your Consignment of Woollens [by] the Europa to Sheikh Nassir, Aga Hossein, Hodjee Ismael &ca at the usual prices on condition that they would c[lear] the whole by the 31st of October and I have now the pleasure to add that they punctually performed their agreement the Net Sale being Rupees 62420.3.10 when the 1st Ultimo I discharged the Honorable Co[mpanys] debt to the Resident in full of Principal and Interest amounting to Rupees 18691.1.17 this together w[ith] the amount remitted to you by the Scorpion and the disbursements in November has reduced the Honorable Companys balance of Cash here under the 30th Ultimo to Rupees 8089.1.11. —

As several Pieces of Broad Cloth on delivery proved to be very much damaged I am sorry to inform you[r] Honor &ca that I was under the necessity of allowing the Merchants 4/16th of the amount of the damaged Pie[ces] which the Honorable Company sustain a loss of Rupees 1133.1.06. —

The interior parts of Persia afford little new deserving your Honor &ca attention – Ally Morad Khan remains at Tehran, it is reported he has taken upon himself the Tittle of King, and the Sheikh and Merch[ants] here, having lately sent him Presents to a very considerable amount seems to confirm the report Sheikh Nassir it is said will shortly proceed on another expedition against the Arabs of Sebarra his Marine for[ce] is nearly in readiness, and he is to be joined by Sheikh Abdulla of Ormuse and Sheikh Rashed of Julfar

And here Honorable Sir and Sirs permit me to represent to you the very heavy expense which I have unavoidably incurred by my station as Resident at this place, occasioned by the many Gentlemen and their Attendants who ha[ve] arrived here during the late War in their way to and from Europe, as well in his Majestys as the Honorable Companys Employ, some of whom (exclusive of Messieurs Sulivan, Macauly &ca in 1781, and Major Geels in 1782 for whom You will observe I made a Public charge on account my Extra Expenses) were detained here many days, and, as it appears from the Honorable Companys Commands dated the 12th July 1782 that they order Mr. Latouche their Resident at Bussora a Gratuity of 300 Rupees ℔ month from the 26th of June of the sa[me] year on account his Extraordinary Expenses, to request your indulgent consideration of this my case and that You will favor me with such an Allowance for my Extraordinary Expenses as shall seem to You proper.

As I forward this letter to the Honorable Companys Broker at Muscat by an accidental conveyan[ce] which offers for that place, I shall defer sending the several Accounts of the Settlement till the return of the Viper and in the mean time I remain with the utmost respect. –

Honorable Sir and Sirs. –
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 31st
December 1784. No. 59.

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqre.
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay –

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

By the Morning Star Captain Jervis which arrived here the 25th Ultimo I was favored with your Commands of the 29th December 1784 inclosing duplicate of your letter of the 20th November. —

The day following the Scorpion Captain Charles Pickett anchored in the Outer Road, but it blowing very h[ard] from the Southward She almost immediately got under weigh again standing to the Northward, and I have since learnt that Captain Pickett supplied himself with a Pilot at the Island of Carrack – The Morning Star sailed again for Bussora the 26th in the afternoon –

Sheikh Nassir departed for Congoon by land the 12th Instant and the Bushire and Bunderick fleets sailed yesterday morning for the same place – at Congoon he is to be joined by the Sheikhs of Ormuse



رسالة رقم ٦٠ إلى روسون هارت بودام، الرئيس والحاكم في مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٢١] (٢/٢)

and Julfar when he will immediately proceed against Bahreen and Zebarra. – Ally Hemet Khan with a small force from Sheraz is at Congoon and will proceed with Sheikh Naser. –

Inclosed your Honor &c. will please to receive the duplicate of my last respects of the 31st ultimo by Boat to Muscat, the Monthly Accounts of the Settlement from the 1st October to the 31st ultimo, and Account Sales of Woollens to Sheikh Naser &ca the 26th September – The balance of Cash at this Settlement under the 31st ultimo amounted to Rupees 4600. 1. 14. —

The Scorpion Captain Charles Pickett having arrived from Bussora the 20th in the afternoon is now dispatched to your Honor &c. and I am with the greatest respect —

Honorable Sir and Sirs –
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 22d February 1785. No. 60.

To
Captain Charles Pickett
Commander of the Scorpion,

Sir

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where, on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the Honorable the President and Council and follow their Orders for your future proceedings.

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am,

Sir –
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 22d February 1785 No. 61. . .

To
Samuel Manesty Esqre.
in charge of Affairs of the Honorable East India Company
at Bussora,

Sir,

A Boat now proceeding to Bussora I embrace the opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 12th ultimo by the Scorpion Captain Charles Pickett which arrived here the 20th following in the afternoon. The Scorpion sailed again for India the 23d at day Break —

I observe what you mention with respect to the departure of Mr. Latouche for Bagdat and Aleppo and of the temporary charge of the Honorable Company's affairs at Bussora having been confided to You –

I take leave to congratulate you on the Honorable the President and Council their having joined you with the Resident in the management of the Honorable Company's Concerns, and with esteem

Sir –
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 10th March 1785. No. 62.

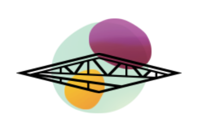
Sir,

The departure of the boat by which I proposed sending the above having been put off on account the arrival of His Majesty's Ship the Active Captain Simon Mackenzie, you will receive it by that Vessel —

Captain Mackenzie having Packets of great consequence on board on Government account, and likewise for the Honorable Company, requested that I would dispatch a Boat to inform you that he should sail for Bussora as this Evening, and to request that you would despatch a Vessel to lie on this side of the Bar to carry him up to Bussora but as no Boat from here would undertake the Voyage but under the Convoy of the Active, Captain Mackenzie will despatch his Pilot boat to Bussora immediately on his arrival at the Bar where he means to wait, as the Ships draught of Water is too much to go over – He further requested I would inform you of his having Eleven bales &c. on board for

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you which he received from Mr. Day the Chief of Surat. —
the 13th March 1785. — I am as above

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqre.
President and Governor &ca. Council
For the Public Department of Bombay. —
Honorable Sir and Sirs, —

The Viper Cutter Lieutenant Thomas Hardie having returned from Bussora the 17th Instant in the morning She is now dispatched to your Honor &ca. and inclosed you will please to receive the duplicate of my last respects to the Honorable Board of the 22d. Ultimo by the Scorpion, also the monthly Accounts of the Settlement for last month —

By His Majestys Ship the Active Captain Simon Mackenzie which arrived here the 13th Instant I received your Honor &ca. Commands of the 4th February inclosing Extracts from the Honorable Companys Commands dated the 20th of August and 10th of September last and Extract of Parliament of the 24th of George the third, an to all which I shall shew the most exact obedience. —

I observe with all due attention the several Appointments under the New Act of Parliament, made by the Honorable Company, which You have been pleased to notify to me, and of your having in consequence taken the management of the Honorable Companys concerns at the Presidency of Bombay under your direction: and I beg you will permit me Honorable Sir and Gentlemen to offer you my congratulations on the occasion. —

The Active sailed for Bussora Bar the 17th in the morning. —

The balance of Cash at this Settlement under the 28th Ultimo amounted to Rupees three thousand six hundred and seven four Mamoodies and fourteen Pice (3607.4.14) and I am with the greatest respect

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant —

Bushire the
19th March 1785. No. 63.

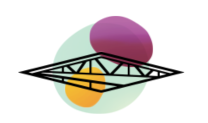
To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqre.
President and Governor &ca. Council
for the Political and Secret Department of Bombay.
Honorable Sir and Sirs,

I have the satisfaction to inform you that His Majestys Ship the Active arrived here the 13th Instant, and the day following Mr. George Matcham delivered me your Commands of the 11th of January and 1st. Ultimo. —

I observe your Honor &ca. having separated the Political and Secret from the Public department in your Secretarys Office, and that You have appointed Mr. James Beck your Secretary in the former, and Mr. James Hatley in the latter department, and agreeable to your Commands I shall not fail to address You in your Political and Secret department whenever I may have occasion to write to You on any of the subjects particularized in your letter of the 11th of January. —

Having informed Mr. Matcham that it would be utterly impossible for him to proceed to Sheraz and Isfahan for the purposes mentioned by your Honor &ca. owing to the death of Ally Morad Khan, which I am sorry to inform you has again involved the interior parts of this unhappy Country in the greatest confusion and renders the Roads impassable to every thing but single Messengers, he came to the resolution of proceeding to Bussora on the Active, and inclosed I have the pleasure to send You a letter which he left with me to forward by the first opportunity.

Mr. Matcham informed me that he meant to wait some time at Bussora, when should the Government of Persia be settled he would return here in order to prosecute his journey



رسالة رقم ٦٤ إلى روسون هارت بودام، رئيس وحاكم الإدارة السياسية والسرية، مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٢٣] (٢/٢)

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through Persia — In this Case your Honor &c. may be assured that I shall pay the strictest attention to your Commands by affording him every assistance in my power —

From the best accounts hitherto received it appears that Ally Morad Khan died about the 26th of January about five days journey from Tehran, on his return to Isfahan from that place — Jaffier Khan (the Eldest Son of Sadoc Khan) at Isfahan, and Seiad Morad Khan at Sheraz are the present Competitors for the Crown. It is the general opinion that Jaffier Khan will be successful, he is in possession of the whole of Ally Morad Khans Treasures, and has a general good Character. on the other hand Seiad Morad Khan has possession of Sheraz, but so extremely disliked on account his excessive Extortions since he has been Governor of that place, that it is believed his own people will deliver him up as soon as Jaffier Khan shall appear before Sheraz; It is said that Jaffier Khan remains to settle the affairs of Isfahan and that in the mean time his Son is leading an army of six thousand Men towards Sheraz — Ally Morad Khans Eldest Son is at Isfahan but whether at liberty or a Prisoner is not known. —

In my last respects to the Honorable Board by the Scorpion of the 22d Ultimo I advised You of the departure of Sheikh Nausir with the Bushire and Bunderick fleet for Congoon on a Second Expedition against the Arabs of Sebarn but they had scarcely reached Congoon when the news of the death of Ally Morad Khan was received at that place Sheikh Nausir having in consequence determined on deferring his intended Expedition to the Arab Coast returned to Bushire the beginning of this month —

A report some days ago prevailed that a French Count, whose name according to the Persian pronunciation appears to be Ferreny accompanied by a Secretary and one Servant had arrived at Isfahan, and that he gave out that he was an Embassador from the Court of France, but Ally Morad Khan being at Tehran when he arrived the purport of his Commission was unknown; The death of Ally Morad Khan having since taken place it has not been in my power to procure any further intelligence regarding him —

I am with the greatest respect —

Honorable Sir and Sirs —

Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the
19th March 1785. No. 64.

To
Lieutenant Thomas Hardie
in Command of the Viper Cutter,

Sir, Wind and Weather permitting you are here hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packets to the Honorable the President and Council and follow their orders for your farther proceedings —

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am —

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the
19th March 1785 No. 65.

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqre.
President and Governor &c. Council of Bombay
Political and Secret Department —

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send You the duplicate of my last respects of the 19th Ultimo by the Viper Cutter Lieutenant Thomas Hardie —

Nothing deserving your Honor &c. attention having lately taken place, I remain with the greatest respect.

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 24th April 1785. No. 66.

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رسالة رقم ٦٧ إلى روسون هارت بودام، الرئيس والحاكم، الإدارة العامة، مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٢٤] (١/١)

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To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqre
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay —
Public Department —
Honorable Sir and Sirs,
My last respects to You was dated the 19th Ultimo and went by the
Viper Cutter Lieutenant Thomas Hardie —
The Morning Star from Bussora anchored in the Road of this place the 20th Instant in the Evening, but as
blowing very hard from the Northward it was the 22d at Noon before Captain Jervis could come on shore — She is now dispat
to your Honor &ca. —
I am sorry to inform your Honor &ca that it is not in my power to send you any certain information touching
the situation of affairs in the Interior parts of Persia, from the death of Ally Morad Khan to this time not a single
letter has been received here from Isfahan, it is generally reported that every thing is quiet at that place but that Jaffier Kh
has not yet been able to collect a sufficient force to take the field, and at the same time to leave Isfahan sufficiently
protected It appears pretty certain that he has a small army between Isfahan and Sheraz, but the fear of Mahome
Khan of Mazanderan, who since the death of Ally Morad Khan, has again recovered the whole of that Province, see
to be the cause of its having hitherto remained inactive — Seiad Morad Khan is still endeavouring to form a Par
in his favor but without success, and it still thought that the People of Sheraz will deliver up the Place as
soon as Jaffier Khans army shall appear before it. —
His Majestys Ship the Active passed by this place the 12th Instant in her way to India but did not
stop here —
Inclosed I have the pleasure to send your Honor &ca the duplicate of my last respects of the 19th Ultimo
also the Account of the Settlement for last month, from the latter You will observe the balance of Cash at this
Settlement under the 31st Ultimo amounted to Rupees 2764 — 09 —
I am with the greatest respect Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant —

Bushire
the 24th April 1785. No. 67.

To
Captain Hugh Stephenson Jervis,
Commander of the Morning Star.
Sir
Wind and Weather permitting You are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make
the best of your way to Bombay, where, on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the Honorab
the President and Council and follow their orders for your future proceedings. —
I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am —
Sir —
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 24th April 1785. No. 68.

To
Samuel Manesty Esqre
in Charge of Affairs of the Honorable East India Company
at Bussora,
Sir,
I received the 4th Instant your favor of the 29th Ultimo by Boat Express informi
me of the appointment of the Right Honorable Lord Macartney as Governor General, and of your having condition
freighted the Begler Captain Peter Scott to convey to Fort Saint George the Honorable the Court of Directors their
despatches on this subject —

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رسالة رقم ٦٩ إلى صمويل مانيستي، مدير شركة الهند الشرقية في البصرة، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر. [١٢٥] (٢/٢)

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It gave me much concern that it was not in my power instantly to return your Boat with the news of a Cruiser from India being here, but to this hour I have not received the least intelligence of any one being in the Gulph.

Your letter of the 16th of April I received the 22d and 25th following in the morning the Morning Star Sailed for India —

I now return your Boat having advanced the Nankhodau ten Piastres to repair his anchor &ca for which he will account with you, and am with much esteem, —

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 11th June 1785.

No. 69 —

The 13th June 1785 — A few hours after closing the above, the Begler appeared in sight and about nine at night of the same day Mr Nankivell Captain Scott's first Officer delivered me your favor of the 6th Instant — Mr Nankivell embarked again yesterday about three in the afternoon, and the Begler sailed immediately after Sun set, but it having been a Calm all night She was still in sight at day Break but at a very great distance in the offing —

I am as above

To
Samuel Manesty Esqre
in charge of Affairs of the Honorable East India Company
at Bussora,

Sir,

Your Express Boat having been obliged to put back on account a very hard Northwester I embrace the opportunity to forward the inclosed Packet to your address from the Broker at Muscat received here the 14th Instant by the Dudley Snow Captain Geddes from Bengal &ca —

The Broker writes me that it was brought to Muscat the beginning of last month by one of the Honorable Company's Galivats, which immediately returned to India again not being of force sufficient to venture up the Gulph during the present troubles, and requests I will forward it to you by the most expeditious conveyance whether by the Dudley or by Boat Express as shall seem to me best —

As Captain Geddes has some business to transact here which renders the time of his departure for Bussora very uncertain I have thought it adviseable to forward the Packet by Boat as abovementioned and am —

Sir —
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 16th June 1785. No. 70

To
Samuel Manesty Esqre
in charge of Affairs of the Honorable East India Company
at Bussora

Sir,

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send duplicates of my last letters to you of the 11th 13th and 16th Instant by your Express Boat —

This you will receive by the Dudley Captain Christian Geddes which now proceeds to your place, and I am with much esteem, —

Sir —
Your very obedient humble Servant —

Bushire the 21st June 1785. No. 71.

To
Samuel Manesty Esqre
in Charge of Affairs of the Honorable East India Company
at Bussora,

Sir,

By the Dudley which arrived here the 20th Ultimo in the Evening I was favored with yours

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of the 17th of the same month. —

Agreeable to your request I did every thing in my power to expedite the departure of Captain Geddes, and I have the pleasure to inform you the Dudley sailed again the 22d at Midnight. —

Country letters from Muscat received the 30th Ultimo inform that the Begler arrived there the 18th of June and departed again the 20th. —

This you will receive by the Eliza Captain John Ritchie which arrived here yesterday morning from Bengal and I am with much esteem. —

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 3d 4th August 1785

No. 72.

To
Samuel Manesty Esqr.
in Charge of Affairs of the Honorable East India Company
at Bussora

Sir,

In a private letter of the 2d Instant I mentioned to you a report of three French Ships having arrived at Muscat the 22d and 26th Ultimo, and I have this instant received from Coja Seraun, a Banyan Merchant at Muscat, through his Agent here the following particulars on their subject,

That the largest of the three a Ship of from seventy to eighty Guns and four hundred men arrived under the former date, that the Commander of her informed Sheikh Calfaun that he was come to Establish a House at Muscat that two other Ships loaded with Goods were also coming, and that he had Packets on board for Europe, - that Sheikh Calfaun in return told him that he was at full liberty to trade there, but that as he had the Imaums orders not to permit of any European Nation settling there, he could not possibly comply with his request on that head - that the two Ships which arrived the 26th were much smaller having only one hundred and twenty five and seventy men on board, but that they also appeared to be Ships of War and that neither the one nor the other had a single article of Merchandise on board - He says they all came from the Mauritius. ——

Coja Serauns Letter is dated the 27th Ultimo, when the Dudley Snow not yet arrived at Muscat. —

I am with esteem
Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant. —

Bushire the 4th September 1785. No. 73.

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council of Bombay.
Public Department

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

Since my last respects of the 24th of April by the Morning Star, of which the enclosed is duplicate, the Begler Captain Peter Scott, the Dudley Snow Captain Christian Geddes and the Eliza Snow Captain John Ritchie have imported here from Bengal in their way to Bussora, also the Soloman Shah belonging to Sallah Chellaby from Surat: the three former under the 3d of May, 14th of June and 3d of August, the latter the 14th July - The Begler sailed from here for Fort St. George the 12th of June and the Dudley Snow for Bengal the 23d July - The Eliza and Soloman Shah have not yet returned here. —

On Balancing the Honorable Companys Books of this Settlement ending the 30th of April last, it appears that their Net loss for the year amounts to Rupees 2401.4.02. and the amount of Charges General to Rupees 10029.1.13. or a decrease of Rupees 8360.4 — on the former and Rupees 191.1.13. on the latter, when compared with the Books ending the 30th of April 1784. The decrease of Loss as above noticed arises from a Gain of Rupees 7962.4.15 on Woollens sold in last year, and to Rupees 560.4.19. having been collected on account Customs during that time. ——

By the first Vessel which shall offer for Bombay direct I shall do myself the pleasure to forward your Honor &c. the Books of the Settlement for last year, also the monthly accounts since the 1st of May - In the mean time I am sorry to inform You that I have been under the necessity of contracting a debt on the Honorable Companys account, to defray the Expences of the Settlement, which under th[e]



31st Ultimo amounted to Rupees 1371.3.01 Principal –

As I have great hopes there will shortly be a very considerable demand for Woollens at this place, I flatter myself your Honor &ca will have it in your power to comply with my Indent for Woollens, of the 3d September 1784, by an early opportunity –

I send this letter to the Honorable Companys Broker at Muscat, and have directed him to forward it to your Honor &ca by the first accidental conveyance which shall offer for Bombay –

I am with the greatest respect –

Honorable Sir and Sirs

Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 12th September 1785. No. 74.

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay
Political and Secret Department

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

I embrace the opportunity of a Dow now proceeding to Muscat to forward you a duplicate of my last respects of the 24th April by the Morning Star, also a Copy of my Correspondence with Mr. Manesty at Bussora from the 12th of February to the 4th Instant

I have already advised your Honor &ca that Jaffer Khan took possession of the Government of Isfahaun after the death of Ally Morad Khan and that Seiad Morad Khan at Sheraws was his only declared Competitor for the Throne It was never expected pretensions of the latter would be attended with success and the Event has proved that Peace would long since been established, had not Mahomet Khan of Mazanderan flushed with the success he had met with in recovering the whole of that Province also declared himself Jaffer Khan's opponent on Mahomet Khan taking the field it appears that Jaffer Khan sent three different armies against him, but they having each time disbanded themselves without even attempting any thing against the Enemy who was advancing towards Isfahaun he came to the resolution of retreating to Sheraws and Mahomet Khan took possession of Isfahaun the 16th of May. – On the arrival of Jaffer Khan near Sheraws, Seiad Morad Khan hearing that he had not above one thousand men with him, wished to take advantage of his situation but finding almost all the principal people of Sheraws were on his (Jaffer Khans) side he made a virtue of necessity, went out to meet him and resigned to him his Government and Jaffer Khan having before promised to pardon him in case he submitted, did so, Jaffer Khan arrived at Sheraws about the 18th of May. till the 10th of July we received no further news whether from Sheraws or Isfahaun but under that date letters were received from the former place informing that Jaffer Khan would certainly depart for Isfahaun as that day, an Army of twelve thousand Men, chiefly Baetrians having arrived near that place and declared in his favor, and that a Battle between the Baetrians and Mahomed Khan was daily expected. Letters from Isfahaun dated the 24th of July received the 8th Ultimo advised that a Battle had been fought between Mahomet Khan and the Baetrians, that the contest was a most obstinate one, and though the latter were at last obliged to give way to superior number (Mahomed Khans army consisting of 25000 men) they retreated in good order – Mahomed Khan followed them about six Farsangs, and encamped at Pera, which place he destroyed on account the inhabitants having assisted the enemy. The Battle was fought about nine Farsangs from Isfahaun. the loss of the Baetrians was not mentioned, but by every account Mahomed Khan did not lose less than 3000 men. – The letters further mentioned that Khosru Khan Ardalaun at the head of 20,000 men arrived a short time after the battle, and having declared in favor of Jaffer Khan proceeded immediately to join him. – The news of the arrival of Khosru Khan, and the defeat of the Baetrians was received here the day before by letters from Sheraws; and they also advised that Jaffer Khan departed for Isfahaun the 25th July. – The 23d Ultimo two Messengers arrived from Sheraws with Phirmaunds from Lutf Ally Khan (Jaffer Khan's Son) to Sheikh Nasser acquainting him that Mahomed Khan had returned to Mazanderan the 31st of July, and that Jaffer Khan had again taken possession of Isfahaun, and I have the pleasure to inform your Honor &ca that in consequence of this news, the Merchants here have already made large consignments of goods to Sheraws ——

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Mahomed Khans return to Mazanderan, appears to have been occasioned by a large part of his Army having deserted him and joined Jaffer Khan; and some considerable disturbances which have lately taken place in that Province it is thought will very much facilitate the conquest of it by Jaffer Khan should he have gone against it, which it is reported he immediately after appointing Seiad Morad Khan Governor of Isfahaun. —

Mahomed Khan on his first arrival at Isfahaun conducted himself with much moderation, and indeed to the time of his departure it does not appear that his conduct was either Cruel, or greatly oppressive. —

I have done every thing in my power to procure a more particular and satisfactory account of the several Events above related, but such of the Persians here, who could inform me, are all so extremely tenacious in matters of a Political nature, that I have found it impossible. —

The 7th Ultimo an Armenian Merchant of this place received a letter from his Brother at Isfahaun dated the 13th of July, which informed him that the Russians had taken possession of Erivan, Ganja, and Tavris and several other inferior places in the Provinces of Erivan, and Aderbejaun, but notwithstanding this news was given as authentic, no confirmation of it has yet been received. —

My correspondence with Mr. Manesty will inform your Honor &c that the Begler Captain Peter Scott, a Country Ship from Bengal, has been freighted by Mr. Manesty to convey to Fort St. George the Honorable Companys despatches, appointing the Right Honorable Lord Macartney Governor General, and that she sailed from this place the 12th of June. —

Some Surat Dows which arrived here the 1st Instant brought a report of three French Ships having arrived at Muscat the 22d and 25th Ultimo and the 4th following I received from Coja Seram a Banyan Merchant at that place, through his Agent here, the following particulars on their subject. — That the largest of the three, a ship of from seventy to eighty Guns and four hundred men, arrived under the former date, that the Commander of her informed Sheikh Calfaun, the Governor, that he was come to establish a House at Muscat, that two other Ships loaded with Goods were also coming, and that he had Packets on board for Europe. — That Sheikh Calfaun in return told him that he was at full liberty to trade there, but that as he had the Imaums orders not to permit of any European Nation settling there, he could not possibly comply with his desire on that head. — That the two Ships which arrived the 25th were much smaller, having only one hundred and twenty five, and seventy men on board, but that they also appeared to be Ships of War, and that neither the one nor the other had a single article of Merchandize on board — He said they all came from the Mauritius, and his letter of his Agent was dated the 27th Ultimo — This news your Honor &c will observe by my Bussora Correspondence, I forwarded to Mr. Manesty the 2d and 4th Instant, by accidental conveyance. —

The 7th Instant I received a letter from Coja Chunderbaun, who acts as the Honorable Companys Broker at Muscat dated the 26th Ultimo purposely to inform me of the arrival of the abovementioned Ships — His account agrees with the above as to the time of their arrival and their coming last from the Mauritius, but he mentions the largest as only a forty four Gun Ship and three hundred and fifty men, and says that one of the two which arrived last is a Merchant Ship, nor does he take any notice of the Commander of the first Ship having applied to Sheikh Calfaun for leave to establish a House at Muscat. He also says that one of the Commanders informed him that their stay at Muscat would be from ten to fifteen days and that they were bound to different places. —

I have directed the Honorable Companys Broker at Muscat to forward this letter to your Honor &c by the first accidental conveyance which shall offer for Bombay, and am with the greatest respect

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 12th September 1785.

No. 75.

To
Samuel Manesty Esqr.
in Charge of Affairs of the Honorable East India Company
at
Bussora

Sir

I wrote you last the 4th Instant in Original and duplicate, and the 15th following the Venus French Fregate of forty four Guns, Commanded by the Count de Rosili, arrived here from Muscat. She sailed again for Carrack & Bussora Bar this morning. —

The Provoyance and the Lamphitrite two French Merchant ships of eight three pounders each Commanded by the Chevalier de Soulnier, and Monsieur Lambert having parted company with the Venus a little to the Southward of Cape Verdistan have not yet arrived here: they also are bound to Bussora. —

The Venus as well as Merchant Ships abovementioned left the Mauritius the 26th of June, and Muscat t



رسالة رقم ٧٦ إلى صمويل مانيستي، مدير شركة الهند الشرقية في البصرة، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٢٩] (٢/٢)

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1st of September. I do not find the French have made any Settlement at Muscat, nor does it at present appear they are desirous of making any in the Gulph —

Bushire the 18th September 1785. No. 76 —

I am with Esteem Sir, — Your very obedient humble Servant

To
Samuel Manesty Esqr.
in Charge of Affairs of the Honorable East India Company —
at Bussora.

Sir

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send you a duplicate of my last of the 18th Instant.

The Scorpion Snow, which arrived here the 29th Ultimo, now proceeds to your place, and I have directed Captain Thistleton to put himself under your Orders immediately on his arrival at Bussora. —

Bushire the 1st October 1785. No. 77.

I am with much esteem, Sir. Your very obedient humble Servant

To
Captain John Thistleton
Commander of the Scorpion Snow,

Sir,

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor, and make the best of your way to Bussora, where, on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to Mr. Samuel Manesty in Charge of the Honorable Companys Affairs at that place and follow his orders for your future proceedings. —

I wish you a safe and speedy passage and am,

Bushire the 1st October 1785. No. 78.

Sir — Your very obedient humble Servant —

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.
Public Department,

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

By the Scorpion Snow Captain John Thistleton which arrived here the 29th Ultimo, I had the honor to receive your Commands of the 30th of July, inclosing Extracts from the Honorable Companys Commands dated the 9th and 10th of December 1784 and 27th of January 1785, also a printed copy of the late Act of Parliament and to all which the strictest obedience shall be shewn —

Agreeable to your Honor &ca. orders I have now the honor to send you inclosed, an account of my Extraordinary Expences arising from Gentlemen touching at this place in their way To and From India from the 1st of Feby. 1781 to the 31st of December 1784 amounting to Range Rupees fourteen thousand nine hundred and twenty four Mamoodees and six Gos (14970.4.06) which I flatter myself will not only appear to you as limited as possible considering the many Gentlemen I have almost constantly been under the necessity of entertaining during so long a period, and that I am obliged to receive the greatest part of my Liquors from India, which during the late War have been at a most advanced price, but that it will meet with your approbation. As almost all the Gentlemen who have arrived here from, and for the different parts of India have been perfect Strangers to me, I have found it impossible to recollect either their names or numbers, in order to charge for every particular set of Gentlemen who have been my guests. I can however with great truth assure your Honor &c. that the whole of my Extraordinary Expences, now

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submitted to your consideration, has arisen from this cause only. The Morning Star Captain Pickett arrived here the 6th of February 1781 on which came some Military and other Gentlemen passengers for Europe &ca and the Viper Cutter Lieutenant Hardie and two Turkish Galivats which brought sundry Military Gentlemen on their way to Europe &ca arrived here the 25th of December 1784.

Having supplied Captain Thistleton with such refreshments as he stood in need of for the use of the Scorpion I despatched her for Bussora the 1st Instant —

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send you a duplicate of my last respects of the 12th Ultimo by boat to Muscat —

I send this letter by an accidental conveyance to the Broker at Muscat and have directed him to forward it to your Honor &ca by the first good opportunity which shall offer for Bombay —

I am with the greatest respect
Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 7th October 1785.

No. 79.

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay
Political and Secret Department,

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send you a duplicate of my last respects of the 12th Ultimo by boat to Muscat, also a duplicate copy of my Correspondence with Mr. Manesty at Bussora from the 12th of February to the 12th Ultimo —

The report of Jaffer Khan having proceeded in pursuit of Mahomed Khan of Mazanderan, as mention'd in my last respects, proved premature; He remains at Isphahaun but as his Army still continues encamped at some short distance from that place it is supposed he intends shortly proceeding to the Northward, — Since the return of Mahomed Khan to the Northward, no intelligence has been received here regarding him —

The Venus French Frigate of forty four Guns Commanded by the Count de Rosili arrived here the 15th Ultimo and departed for Carrack and Bussora Bar the 18th following: the Prevoyance and Lamphetrite of eight three pounder Guns each, the former Commanded by the Chevalier de Saulnier and the latter by Monsieur Lambert bringing a small quantity of Gruff Goods came up under Convoy of the Venus but proceeded to Bussora without stopping at this place. They left the Mauritius the 26th of June and Muscat the 1st of September, but did not touch at any Port in their way up the Gulph nor does it appear the French have made any Settlement at Muscat. Sheikh Nausir being absent when the Venus was here the Count de Rosili paid a complimentary visit to his Son, but did not, that I can learn, make any proposals to him for making a Settlement here —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,
Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 7th October 1785 No. 80.

Account



رسالة رقم ٨١، كشف بالنفقات الاستثنائية لاجتماع السادة في بوشهر في طريقهم من الهند وإليها [١٣١] (١/١)

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Bushire the 7th October 1785.

Account of Extraordinary Expence arising from Gentlemen touching at Bushire on their way To, and From India, from the 1st of February 1781 to the 31st December 1784 Vizt

Table Expences Vizt		
From the 1st of February to the 31st December 1781 Vizt		
Buzar &ca Table Expences	2245,3,01	
Liquors consisting of Brandy, Rum, Gin Arrack, and Wines of different sorts	3075 —	5320,3,01
From the 1st of January to the 31st December 1782 Vizt		
Buzar &c Table Expences	2494 —	
Liquors as above	3200,1,09	5694,1,09
From the 1st of January to the 31st December 1783 Vizt		
Buzar &c Table Expences	2822 — 09	
Liquors	3193 —	6015 — 09
From the 1st of January to the 31st December 1784 Vizt		
Buzar &c Table Expences	2716,4,03	
Liquors	3161,3,04	5878,2,07
		22908,2,06
Deduct Vizt		
The Residents Diet from the 1st of February 1781 to the 31st December 1784 or 47 months @ 150 Rupees ⅌ Month	7050 —	
Before Charged in September 1781 on account Messieurs Sulivan &c	296 —	
do do — in July and August 1783 on account Major Geels &c	591,3 —	7937,3 —
Rage Rupees		14970,4,06

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To

Ahmud Ben Khautoom

Sheikh of Congoon

After Compliments Having been informed that you have taken two Boats belonging to Bussora which put into your port on their return from Muscat, I beg leave to inform you that the said two boats are at present employed by the Honorable Company to convey their Despatches to and from Muscat, and as nothing has ever happened to disturb the great friendship subsisting between you and the English Nation, and as it is well known you have never yet intercepted any Vessels belonging to, or employed by the Honorable Company, I have a firm belief that on the receipt of this my letter you will give the two boats in question liberty to come to Bushire, and the Packets which were on board them I must beg you will return to me by the Cossid who carries this letter. I wish you much success and am,

Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 26th October 1785. No 82 —

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رسالة رقم ٨٣ إلى صمويل مانيستي، مدير شركة الهند الشرقية في البصرة، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٣٢] (١/١)

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To
Samuel Manesty Esq.r
in Charge of Affairs of the Honorable East India Company,
at Bussora

Sir

Since my last to you of the 1.st Ultimo of which you acknowledge receipt, I have been favored with yours of the 13.th of the same month. –

Two Indian Carpenters for your Factory having arrived here the 22.d Ultimo from Muscat and Congoon, I supplied them with provisions &c.a and they departed for Bussora the 31.st following. –

I am sorry to inform you that the Naukhodaus and Crews of two Express Boats despatched by you to Muscat about the 19.th of August, arrived here the 23.d Ultimo with the disagreeable news of their Boats and Packets having been seized by the Sheikh of Congoon, at which place they arrived the 11.th of the same month, being on their return from Muscat.

In consequence of the above intelligence I have wrote to the Sheikh of Congoon, and I flatter myself as he has always expressed the greatest friendship for the English Nation, that he will not only return the Packets but release the Boats also – A dispute between the people of Congoon and Bussora appears to be the cause of his having seized the boats in question. –

I send you this by one of your returning Express boats from Muscat which arrived here the 2.d Instant, and am with esteem, –

Sir. –
Your very obedient humble Servant –

Bushire
the 6.th November 1785. N.o 83.

To
Samuel Manesty Esq.r
in Charge of Affairs of the Honorable East India Company,
at Bussora

Sir,

Your Express boat by which I wrote to you the 6.th Instant having returned here on account a hard Northwest wind, I embrace the opportunity to send three Country letters to your address received yesterday from the Sheikh of Congoon they being the letters which I have already informed you were stopped by him together with your two returning Express boats from Muscat. The Sheikh in his letter to me apologizes for the letters in question being open, and assures me they were opened by his people who seized the boats (he himself being at some distance from Congoon) before they were sent to him – My application to him for the release of the Boats I am sorry to say has not proved equally successful, he detains them on account a Trankah belonging to Congoon taken by Sheikh Habbeeb of Bussora, and he writes me that if the Government of Bussora will return the Trankah he will then release the two Bussora Boats now in his possession. As the Sheikh in his letter to me expresses the greatest friendship for the English, and the Boats abovementioned, though actually belonging to Bussora, being at present employed by the Honorable Company, in my answer to his letter, I shall again submit to him the propriety of his ordering them to be returned. ——

Ramazan the Naukhodau of one of the boats beforementioned being much distressed for money I have advanced him ten (10) Piastres for which he will account with you on his return to Bussora.

I am with esteem Sir, –
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 14.th November 1785. N.o 84.



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To

Ahmud Ben Khautoon

Sheikh of Congoon

After Complements I have received your very friendly letter and the several letters from Muscat which accompanied it, and for which I am much obliged to you. The letters for Mr. Manesty at Bussora having been opened by your people appears to have been a mistake and I doubt not but you have given such orders that a like mistake may never again happen. I understand what you write regarding the release of the two boats, permit me however again to represent to you, that though they are really the property of people belonging to Bussora, they are at present in the service of the Honorable Company, and on this account I beg leave to repeat my request that you will permit of their proceeding to Bushire. The boats belonging to Congoon are frequently employed by the Resident of Bussora, and by me for conveying the Honorable Companys despatches to different places, and when necessary we give them Papers, is it to be expected after the dangerous example you have set (that is, should you still persist in detaining the boats abovementioned) that the Papers we may in future give to your boats, will be paid any respect to? The two boats you have stopped were both furnished with Passes by Mr. Manesty at Bussora — I wish you health and success and am,

Your very obedient humble Servant

No. 85.

Bushire
the 15th November 1785.

To

The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay
Political and Secret Department.

Honorable Sir and Sirs, The Scorpion Snow Captain John Thistleton which arrived here 27th Instant at night from Bussora now returning to India, inclosed I have the pleasure to send you a duplicate of my last respects of the 7th Ultimo by boat to Muscat, A copy of my correspondence with Mr. Manesty at Bussora from the 18th of September to the 22d Instant and Copy of my Correspondence with the Sheikh of Congoon relative to two Bussora Boats dispatched by Mr. Manesty to Muscat, and detained by him on their putting into Congoon, on their return to Bussora —

The Venus French Frigate mentioned in my last respects to have proceeded from here to the Bar of Bussora River, returned to the Southward from Carrack about the 20th of last month, and the two Merchant Ships which came up with her followed her from the same place about the 20th Instant —

By Letters from Isfahaun, received since the date of my last respects, it appears that Jaffer Khan's stay at that place is owing to Baukker Khan (formerly Governor of Isfahaun) with about 1200 men being still in possession of the Citadel, and the last advices from thence mentioned that it still held out, but that it was expected Baukker Khan would be obliged to surrender in a few days as he and his people began to experience the want of every necessary. Mahomet Khan remains in the Province of Mazanderan, and I have the pleasure to inform your Honor &ca. that the roads between this place Sheraus and Isfahaun still continue open. —

Agreeable to Mr. Manesty's request in his duplicate letter of the 3d Instant, as entered in my Bussora

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رسالة رقم ٨٦ إلى روسون هارت بودام، رئيس وحاكم الإدارة السياسية والسرية، مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٣٤] (٢/٢)

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Bussora correspondence, I shall immediately after the departure of the Scorpion write to the Sheikh of Genowa on the subject of the Packet boat lost near that place, and should any of the letters with which Mr. Manesty's Servant was entrusted still remain undestroyed I have not a doubt but I shall be able to recover them. The original of Mr. Manesty's letter of the 3d. Instant I have not yet received. —

Agreeable to Mr. Manesty's request also, I have directed Captain Thistleton to act in conformity to the orders he received from that Gentleman on his departure from Bussora, and I am with the greatest respect,

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 30th. November 1785. No. 86.

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.
Public Department,

Honorable Sir and Sirs, The Scorpion Snow now returning to India I embrace the opportunity to forward you a duplicate of my last respects of the 7th. Ultimo duplicate Account of Extraordinary Expences arising from Gentlemen touching at Bushire in their way to and from India a set of the General Books of this Settlement ending the 30th. of April last, and the monthly Accounts of the Settlement from the 1st. of May to the 31st. Ultimo. —

Sheikh Nassir having built a Caravanseray on the ground where the old Stable stood, I am sorry to inform your Honor &ca. that I have been under the necessity of taking down the old Stable, removing the materials of it to a distance of at least half a mile and building a new one, and though I have paid every possible attention in point of economy the charge of the whole amounts to Rupees one thousand one hundred and fifty two, four Mamoodies and eleven Gus (1152.4.11) and the particulars of which you will find in Disbursements for September and October which I have now the honor to enclose you — It is is true the New Stable is built on a some what more enlarged plan than the Old one, and Walled round, but at the same time I beg you will believe I have not made a single unnecessary addition. I represented to the Sheikh that the removing the Old Stable, and building a new one, ought in justice to be at his own expence, as it was with his permission the Stable had been built on the ground which he now wanted, but notwithstanding all that I said to him on this subject he would not consent to bear the least part of the expence —

The Eliza Packet Captain John Ritchie which returned from Bussora in company with the Scorpion sailed for Bengal yesterday morning. —

Cossim a Sepoy belonging to the Bushire factory Guard having deserted the 23d. Instant, a Sepoy belonging to the detachment on board the Scorpion has been landed here in his room — The abovementioned Cossim arrived here on the Europa in April 1784 and had received forty eight Rupees (48) or eight months Pay. —

The Honorable Company's debt to the Resident under the 31st. Ultimo amounted to Rupees four thousand six hundred and two and sixteen Gus (4602 — 16) Principal —

I am with the greatest respect —
Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant —

Bushire
the 30th. November 1785. — No. 87

To



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To

Captain John Thistleton
Commander of the Scorpion Snow.

Sir, Winds and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh Ancher and proceed to sea, when you will follow the Orders given you by Mr. Manesty at Bussora for your future proceedings —

The two accompanying Packets and Book Packet for the Honorable the President and Council of Bombay, you will please to deliver on your arrival at that place. —

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am —

Sir —
Your very obedient humble Servant.

Bushire
the 30th November 1785. No. 88.

To

Meer Ally Khan
Calantar of Genowa,

After Compliments, A letter from Mr. Manesty who is in charge of the Honorable Companys affairs at Bussora informs me that a boat he despatched to Muscat the 15th of October with Packets for the Governor and Council of Bombay was wrecked in a hard Northerly wind near Genowa, and that an Indian Servant of his who had charge of the Packets had returned to Bussora in company with two other Indian Servants, who were also in the same boat, wounded and almost naked and had informed him that the Packets under his care had been seized by Sheikh Moolna and that the said Sheikh Salem Gushy opened them in his presence in his own house at Genowa. This information has given me much uneasiness, and the more so because You and the people under your Government I at all times consider as the firm friends of the English Nation, and I do every thing in my power to serve your people by employing them as Pilots and otherwise on board our Vessels in preference to the people of every other Bunder in the Gulph. When the above accident happened you was at Bushire, had not this been the case I have not a doubt but our People instead of being wounded and Robbed would have received every protection and hospitality due to friends, and for which your name is so justly renowned. Sheikh Moolna Salem Gushy's unfriendly behaviour in opening the Honorable Company's Packets will I doubt not meet with your warmest disapprobation and I rest assured that immediately on receipt of this letter you will give such orders to him and every one else under your Government that in case of a like accident happening in future we may never again have a like cause for complaint. —

I must request you will make particular enquiry of Sheikh Salem and your people concerning the Packets opened as abovementioned and whatever letters and Papers you may find you will much oblige me by sending them to me by the return of this Cossid. —

Mr. Manesty writes me also that the Indian Servants abovementioned had property with them to a considerable amount and the whole of which was taken from them by people under your Government, this I flatter myself you will also recover and send to me. —

May our friendship know no end, and may your life be long and happy. —

Bushire
the 3d December 1785. No. 89.

To

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رسالة رقم ٩٠ إلى جوناثان سويفت، قائد البحرية وقائد السفينة بومبايجراب، إحدى سفن شركة الهند الشرقية، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٣٦] (١/١)

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To
Jonathan Twiss Esqr.
Commodore of the Marine and Commander of the Honorable Companys Ship the
Bombay Grab

Sir,
I have received your letter of this date, and as I have not any freight whatever to send to Bussora on account of the Honorable Company, You are hereby permitted to receive on board the Bombay Grab, such freight as the Merchants here may offer you. You will please to furnish me with a Copy of your Manifest of the Freight which you may receive here. and I am
Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant. —

Bushire
the 17th December 1785. No. 90.

To
Ahmud Ben Khauloom
Sheikh of Congoon,

After Compliments. Your letter informing me of your having released our two Express Boats I have received and am much obliged to you for this further mark of your friendship. The Boats arrived here the 12th Instant. —

I have already advised Mr. Manesty of your having returned the Boats and I beg you will be assured that I shall embrace the first opportunity of advising my Honorable Superiors also of this circumstance, in order that they and all the World may be informed of your great friendship for the English Nation. —

I wish you a long continuance of health and prosperity and am. —
Your very obedient humble Servant —

Bushire
the 20th December 1785. No. 91

To
Meer Ally Khan
Calantar of Genowa,

After Compliments. I have received your letter and am much obliged to you for the enquiries you have made touching the Packets &ca which were lost by the wrecking of our Express boat near your place, and for your promise of making a further strict enquiry concerning them. —

There being no person here, who was on board the boat when she was lost, I have wrote to Mr. Manesty at Bussora to desire he will send a person down here when on his arrival I will immediately send him to Genowa in order that you may confront him with Moola Saulem; in the mean time however I flatter myself you will take such methods for the recovery of the Packets &ca as to render my sending a person to you un=necessary. Rockna Deen Serawy being under your Government I doubt not but you will oblige him to return the whole of the effects of which he plundered the people of the effects of which he plundered the people of the Boat when She was drove on shore, and at the same time that you will represent to him the inhumanity of his conduct in such a light as to prevent his again acting in such a manner on any future occasion — I wish you a long continuance of health and prosperity and am. —
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 23d December 1785. No. 92.

To



رسالة رقم ٩٣ إلى صمويل مانيستي، مدير شركة الهند الشرقية في البصرة، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٣٧] (٢/١)

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To
Samuel Manesty Esqr
in Charge of Affairs of the Honorable East India Company
Sir at Bushire,

The inclosed are duplicates of my last letters to you of the 6th and 14th Ultimo and the 27th following I was favored with your letters of the 3d and 22d of the same month by the Scorpion Snow, the former a duplicate, the original of which I have not yet received. —

The Elvira Snow which arrived here in Company with the Scorpion sailed for Bengal the 29th Ultimo, and the Scorpion sailed for Bombay the 1st Instant in the morning. Agreeable to your request I desired Captain Thistleton to act after his departure from this place, in conformity to the orders given him by you on his departure from Bussora. —

I have the pleasure to inform you that I received a very genteel letter from the Sheikh of Congoon the 8th Instant in reply to my second letter to him on the subject of your two Express Boats, acquainting me that in compliance with my request he had returned every thing that belonged to the said boats, and had given them permission to depart; and on the 14th Instant they arrived here under the charge of Seiad Sauleh ben Seiad Mahomed Braury. They departed for Bussora the 15th Instant Seiad Sauleh having received from me an advance of ten (10) Piastres during his stay here, for which he would account with you on his arrival. —

The 3d Instant I wrote a letter to the Calantar of Genawa on the subject of your Express Boat which was wrecked on the Persian Coast near Bundereek, and the 10th I received a letter from him, in answer, to the following purport, — That he had made particular enquiry concerning the loss of the Boat, that his people had informed him that she was drove on shore a little to the Northward of Cape Bang where she instantly went to Pieces, that Rochna Dean of Lerney with sundry of his dependents being on their return home from Genawa where they had been on a visit, happening to pass by the place where the Boat was wrecked, not only plundered the people of all that had been saved, but wounded several of them in order to make them discover any property they might have concealed. after which the people of the boat came to the house of Moola Saulem: that he had questioned Moola Saulem, in presence of my Cossid, concerning his opening the Packets, and that Moola Saulem in reply had positively denied the charge — He says he was absent from Genawa when this affair happened, and requests that I will send a person or two who were on board the Boat when She was lost, that he may confront them with Moola Saulem as he sincerely wishes to render us every justice in his power. Your Servant who had charge of the Packets I understand returned to India on the Scorpion, but should either of the other Indian Servants whom you mention to have been on the board also, still remain at Bussora, you will be pleased to send him down here when I will imme=
=diately dispatch him to the Calantar —

This you will receive by the Bombay Grab Commodore Jonathan Tevess which arrived here the 14th Instant, and the Honorable the President and Council in their Commands dated the 8th Ultimo having directed in case I should be a able to dispose of a larger quantity of Woollens than they have now consigned me by her, that I should apply to you for the Woollens remaining at your place,
I am

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I am now to request you will by the first opportunity favor me with an account of your Remains in Warehouse, when I will hereafter write you further on this subject —

I am with much esteem Sir. —
Your very obedient humble Servant —

Bushire the
17th December 1785. No 93.

The 19th December — The Weather having continued so extremely bad since the arrival of the Grab as not to admit of the Woollens by her being landed before this evening, I have now the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 7th Instant by Dow which arrived yesterday Evening. —

Your Express boats taken by the Sheikh of Congoon you will find from the foregoing have been returned; they were to have sailed for your place the 15th but have been detained here on Account the badness of the Weather, As you acknowledge the receipt of my last letters of the 6th and 14th Ultimo, I do not send you their duplicates, and am — As above —

To
Jonathan Twiss Esqr.
Commodore of the Marine, and Commander of the Honorable Companys Ship the
Bombay Grab

Sir,

Winds and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bussora, where, on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to Mr. Samuel Manesty the Provisional Resident at that place, and follow his orders for your future proceedings —

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am, Sir. —
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 19th December 1785. No 94.

To
Samuel Manesty Esqr.
in Charge of Affairs of the Honorable East India Company —
at Bussora

Sir,

My last to you went by the Bombay Grab of which you acknowledge receipt, and the 16th Instant I was favored with yours of the 8th Instant —

I observe with much pleasure your having disposed of the whole of your Remains of Woollens. The Woollens consigned to me by our Honorable Superiors at Bombay by the Bombay Grab consist of the following sortments,

Superfine Cloth	67 Bales
Fine Cloth	11 ditto
Coarse Cloth	25 ditto
Worsters	26 ditto
Perpetuanoes	29 ditto

In my reply to the Calantar of Genowa his letter to me on the subject of your Express boats lost near Bunderick, I informed him of my having applied to you for a person who was on board the boat when she was lost and I again at the same time repeated my request that he would in the mean time still continue his search for any of missing Papers, and that he would recover if possible the effects taken from your Servant &ca by Rockna Dean Lerwy. I observe your reason for not sending down the remaining Indian Servant who was on board the boat, and I am with much esteem,

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 28th January 1786. No 95.



رسالة رقم ٩٦ إلى مير علي خان، كالنتر[أو عمدة] بندر كناوه، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٣٩] (١/١)

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Since writing the foregoing I have been favored with your original letter of the 3d November 1785.—

To
Meer Ally Khan
Calantar of Genowa

After Compliments. Your letter by Hossein Kooley Sultan I have received and perfectly understand the meaning of it. I observe with much pleasure the steps you are taking for the recovery of the property taken from our people, and I am much obliged to you for this further proof of your friendship to me. In my last letter I informed you that I had wrote to Bussora for one of our people, but he is not yet arrived; in the mean time however I have the pleasure to send you a List of the several articles of which our people were plundered, which I have lately received from Bussora; and as it in a manner particularizes the several persons who were concerned in the Robbery I flatter myself the sending a person to you will now appear unnecessary, and as the great extent of your power is well known to every one I promise myself that you will be successful not only in the recovery of the Packets but of the property also. Though Roken a Dean is not one of your immediate dependants I am well informed he dares not disobey your commands, on account the great friendship subsisting between us therefore I must hope you will exert your authority on the present occasion, as otherwise I shall be under the disagreeable necessity of leaving this business to be settled by Mr. Manesty at Bussora. May your life be long and happy.—

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Bushire the
8th February 1786.

To
Jonathan Twiss Esqr.
Commodore of the Marine and Commander of the Honorable Company's Ship the
Bombay Grab

Sir,

I have received your letter of this date, and as I have not any Freight whatever to send to the Presidency on Account of the Honorable Company's, You are hereby permitted to receive on board the Bombay Grab, such Freight as the Merchants here may offer you. You will please to furnish me with a copy of your Manifest of the Freight which you may receive here and I am

Sir—
Your very obedient humble Servant—

Bushire
the 21st February 1786. No. 97.

To
Jonathan Twiss Esqr.
Commodore of the Marine and Commander of the Honorable Company's Ship the
Bombay Grab.

Sir,

Winds and Weather permitting You are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where, on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packets to the Honorable the President and Council of Bombay in their Political and Secret Department, and Public Department, and follow their Orders for your future proceedings.—

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am, Sir—

Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 22d February 1786. No. 98.

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رسائل رقم ٩٩-١٠٠ إلى روسون هارت بودام، رئيس وحاكم الإدارة العامة، مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٤٠] (٢/١)

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Bushire the 22d February 1786.

Account of Pay, Salary, Allowances, and monthly, average Account including every Emolument arising to me from my Station as Resident at Bushire Viz.

Pay as Resident	℔ month		150.
Salary as Senior Merchant 40 £s or 320 Rupees ℔ Annum or	ditto		26.3.07
Allowances Viz.			
Allowance for Servant as Resident		30. —	
Allowance for New years day Kings Birth day, Christmas day @ 50 Rs each or 150 Rupees ℔ Annum or		12.2.10	
do. for Table Linnen for the Year 100 Rs. ℔ do.		8.1.13	50.4.03
Emoluments arising from 1 ℔ Cent Consulage on Sales of European property, Monthly Disbursements, and Wrappers of Woollen Bales, being on an Average from the 1st of January 1781 to the 31st of December 1785	℔ do.		167.4.02
	Rupees		395.1.12

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To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay
Public Department,

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

Your Commands of the 8th November 1785 by the Bombay Grab Commodore Jonathan Twiss I received the 14th of December following together with Invoice of Woollens, Copy of Sailing Orders to Commodore Twiss, Extract from the Instructions to the Commanders of the Honorable Companys Cruisers, Publications regarding the Bombay Bond Debt and Extracts from the Honorable Companys Commands dated the 18th of March and 11th of April 1785, and to all which I shall pay the strictest attention. —

Agreeably to your Honor &ca. Commands I have now the pleasure to inclose you an account of the Pay, Salary and every Allowance I receive from the Honorable Company, including also a monthly Average of every Emolument I receive from my Station as Resident at Bushire. —

Though the Bombay Grab came to an anchor in the Inner Road of this place the 14th of December, owing to the extreme badness of the weather, it was the 19th in the evening before I could complete the landing of her Woollens. She sailed for Bussora the 20th in the morning. —

In order to form a proper judgement whether I should be able to dispose of the Honorable Company's Remains of Woollen at Bussora at this place, exclusive of your Consignment by the Bombay Grab, in my letter to Mr. Manesty by that Vessel I requested he would embrace an early opportunity of sending me an Account of his Remains, and the 16th Ultimo, I received a letter from him dated the 8th of the same month informing me that since the arrival of the Bombay Grab he had sold the whole of the Woollens remaining in the Honorable Companys Warehouse. —

Sheikh Nasser having been extremely ill ever since the beginning of December I am sorry to inform your Honor &ca. that the Merchants of this place have not yet made me any offers on the

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subject of the Woollens you favored me with by the Bombay Grab but as he is now on the recovery I flatter myself I shall shortly have the pleasure of disposing of a very considerable part of them if not the whole —

The Greyhound Brig despatched by the Supreme Council at Bengal with a Packet for the Honorable Company passed by this place about the 26th Ultimo in her way to Bussora. —

Commodore Twiss on his departure for Bussora in December last having requested by letter if I had no freight to send on the Honorable Company's Account that I would permit of his receiving on board the Bombay Grab such freight as might offer for that place, I complied with his request, and since his return he having further requested that he might be permitted to receive on board any freight which should offer for Muscat and Bombay, I again complied with his desire and inclosed your Honor &c will please to receive Copies of his Manifests from here to Bussora and from here to Muscat and Bombay.

Inclosed I send your Honor &c a duplicate of my last respects of the 30th November, and the monthly Accounts of the Settlement for November and December 1785 and January 1786.

The Honorable Company's debt to the Resident to the 31st Ultimo amounted to Rupees nine thousand one hundred and forty nine, four Mamoodees and sixteen Jus (9149.4.16) Principal. —

The Bombay Grab arrived here from Bussora the 19th Instant in the evening, and is now dispatched to you, and I am with the greatest respect. —

Honorable Sir and Sirs,
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 22d February 1786. No. 100

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay
Political and Secret Department

Honorable Sir and Sirs. By the Bombay Grab Commodore Jonathan Twiss which arrived here the 14th of December I was favored with your Commands of the 6th of November 1785, and I beg you will be assured that I shall ever pay the most strict attention to every proceeding of the French in this Gulph.

In my last respects of the 30th of November 1785 I informed your Honor &c of the times French Frigate and two Merchant Ships having returned to the Southward from the Island of Carrack, and since that time I have not received a single article of intelligence regarding them nor have I by any means been able to discover the true cause of their Voyage to this Gulph.

Baucker Khan who I advised you in my last respects still held the Citadel of Ispahaun in opposition to Jaffer Khan was seized by his own people the 26th of November and together with the Citadel delivered up to Jaffier Khan who immediately ordered his head to be struck off, and several other Khans who were concerned with him in his opposition shared the same fate. Since that period not a single alteration has taken place in the affairs of Persia, that I have any certain knowledge of deserving your Honor &ca attention —

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send you a duplicate of my last respects of the 30th November 1785, a duplicate copy of my Correspondence with Mr. Manesty at Bussora from the 18th of September to the 30th November, and a duplicate Copy of my Correspondence with the Sheikh of Congoon; also a

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رسالة رقم ١٠١ إلى روسون هارت بودام، رئيس وحاكم الإدارة السياسية
والسرية، مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٤٢] (٢/٢)

Continuation of my Correspondence with Mr. Manesty at Bussora from the 30th of November and Copy of my Country Correspondence from the same period.

I am with the greatest respect —
Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 22d February 1786. No. 101.

To
John Griffith Esqr. Resident
and
Samuel Manesty Esqr. Factor at Bussora

Gentlemen, By the Bombay Grab which arrived here the 19th Ultimo I received Mr. Manesty's favor of the 14th of the same month. —

My last letter to the Calantar of Genowa on the subject of Mr. Manesty's express boat lost near Bunderick was dated the 8th of February, since when I have not received any letter from him regarding the Papers &ca. of which Mr. Manesty's servant, and the other Indian Servants who were with him, were plundered. —

The Bombay Grab sailed from this place for Bombay the 23d Ultimo in the morning. —

The Morning Star Captain Ashmead Preen which arrived here from India the 27th Ultimo, now proceeds to your place. —

I take leave to congratulate Mr. Griffith on his appointment as Resident at Bussora, and remain with much esteem,

Gentlemen —
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 1st March 1786. No. 102.

To
John Griffith Esqr. Resident
and
Samuel Manesty Esqr. Factor at Bussora,

Gentlemen, I received yesterday evening by the Morning Star your favor of the 20th Instant, and observe the arrival of Mr. John Griffith at Bussora the 7th Ultimo, that he had received charge of the Residency of Bussora from Mr. Manesty, and that the latter Gentleman is joined with him in the management of the Honorable Company's affairs at that place.

I flatter myself I shall be able to despatch the Morning Star to Bombay some time tomorrow. —

The Intrepid Snow Captain Joseph Alderson which arrived here from Bombay the 20th Instant, is now despatched to your place, and I have directed Captain Alderson to put himself under your Orders immediately on his arrival at Bussora. —

I remain with much esteem,

Gentlemen,
Your very obedient humble Servant. —

Bushire
the 28 April 1786. No. 103.

To
Captain Joseph Alderson
Commander of the Intrepid

Sir, Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor

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and make the best of your way to Bussora, where, on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to John Griffith Esqr. Resident and Samuel Manesty Esqr. Factor at Bussora, and follow their Orders for your future proceedings. I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am Sir,–

Bushire
the 28th April 1786. No. 104.

Your very obedient humble Servant –

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay
Political and Secret Department

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

Your Commands of the 28th December 1785 by the Morning Star Captain Ashmead Pruen, and your Commands of the 18th Ultimo by the Intrepid Snow Captain Joseph Alderson, I received the former the 27th of February, the latter the 26th Instant and as I have the pleasure to observe from the last that you had received my last respects of the 22d February I do not send you a duplicate of it, nor of the several other papers which went inclosed in it.–

A few days after the date of my respects it was reported here that Jaffer Khan having proceeded with an Army towards Hamadan had been defeated by an army belonging to Mahomet Khan of Mazanderan and the 25th Ultimo a letter was received from a principal Merchant of this place from Kazzaroon giving his Agent here the following particulars of Jaffer Khans defeat but without particularizing any dates. That Jaffer Khan having proceeded with his army to within fourteen Farsangs of Hamadan had there engaged an Army on the part of Mahomed Khan that the battle lasted from Sun Rise to Sun set, that Jaffer Khan had greatly the advantage till a Tribe called the Lackarees deserted him and went over to the enemy, in consequence of which a general rout ensued and Jaffer Khan was under the necessity of making a precipitate retreat to Isfahaun with about one thousand men. That Mahomed Khan himself remained at Tehran.–

All the Accounts since received with respect to Jaffer Khan have proved so extremely vague and contradictory that I find it impossible to send your Honor &ca any account to be depended upon as to the present situation of affairs at Isfahaun. It is said that Jaffer Khan after his defeat wished to retreat to Sheraws but that the people of Isfahaun prevented him.–

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send you a Copy of my Bussora Correspondence since the 22d February last and am with the greatest respect.–

Bushire
the 29th April 1786. No. 105.

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant.

To
Captain Ashmead Pruen
Commander of the Morning Star,

Sir,

Winds and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where, on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packets to the Honorable The President and Council of Bombay in their Political and Secret Department and

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Public Department, and follow their Orders for your future proceedings —

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am, Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 29th April 1786. No. 106.

To

The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay.
Public Department,

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

Your Commands of the 31st December 1785 by the Morning Star Captn. Ashmead Pruen, inclosing a Copy of your Publication regarding the Honorable Company's Bond debt and Copy of Sailing orders to Captain Pruen I had the pleasure to receive to the 27th February, and I observe you having appointed Mr. John Griffith as the Honorable Company's Resident at Bussora. —

It is with real concern I observe your Honor &ca consider the Statement I did myself the pleasure of forwarding you of my Extraordinary Expences on account Gentlemen touching at Bushire in their way to and from Europe during the late War, as unreasonable. I can only further assure you that in drawing out the Statement in question I did every thing in my power to render it as clear and just as possible, and that the amount therein specified did actually arise from the several causes before submitted to your consideration in my respects of the 7th October 1785. I request your Honor &ca will accept my best thanks for the Allowance you have been pleased to make me on this account, and for which I have debted the Honorable Company as you will perceive from my Disbursements for February now inclosed. As I concluded your Honor &ca meaning was to make me the above mentioned Allowance in Bombay Rupees I have paid myself for the difference of Exchange, according to the rate of Exchange on the arrival of the Morning Star or 121¾ Range Rupees for 100 Bombay Rupees, which I flatter myself you will approve of. —

Agreable to your Honor &ca Orders I have made every possible enquiry touching a Provision of Bengal Goods for the Persia Market and inclosed I do myself the pleasure of sending you an Account of the different kinds of Bengal Goods usually brought to this place, the Prices on a Medium for which they sell here, and which I flatter myself will meet your approbation. —

Having provided Captain Pruen with a Pilot for Bussora Bar and supplied him with such Provisions as he stood in need of, the Morning Star sailed for Bussora the 2d Ultimo in the morning ——

By The Intrepid Snow Captain Joseph Alderson which arrived here the 26th Instant I received your Honor &ca Commands of the 20th Ultimo inclosing an Extract from the Honorable Company's Commands dated the 8th of July 1785, Extract of a letter from the Accountant General at Bengal dated the 11th April 1785, Copy of the Commission granted by the Honorable Company appointing the Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr. President and Governor, and the Commander in Chief for the time being, together with Robert Sparks and Richard Church Esqrs. to be Councellors of the Presidency of Bombay and Copy of the separate Commissions appointing The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr. Governor and Commander in Chief at Bombay, and Brigadier General Lawrence Nilson Commander of the Forces under the Presidency of Bombay, and to all which I shall observe the most strict and due obedience ——

Captain Alderson having received a Pilot for Bussora and such other articles as he required for



one of her Vessel the Intrepid would have sailed for Bussora early this morning but I am sorry to inform your Honor &ca that she is still detained here on Account a most violent Northwest wind. —

In my last respects of the 22d of February, I mentioned to your Honor &ca that I had great hopes of being able shortly to dispose of the whole or at least of a large quantity of your consignment of Woollens by the Bombay Grab in December last, but I am sorry to inform you the report of troubles at Ispahaun &ca received a few days after the departure of the Bombay Grab prevented the Merchants making any Purchases and as the report of the troubles has since been confirmed and the Summer is fast advancing I much fear the Woollens will remain on hand till next Autumn at least.

The Dadaloy Snow Captain Christian Geddes from Bengal arrived here the 22d Instant and sailed again for Bussora yesterday morning, and The Begler Captain Peter Scott arrived here from Bengal and Masulipatnam the 27th Instant, and will proceed to Bussora as soon as her freight Cargo for this place shall be landed.

As I have the satisfaction to observe your Honor &ca had received my last respects of the 22d Febry I do not send you a duplicate of it, and for the same reason I consider it needless to trouble you with duplicates of the several other Papers to which it gave cover —

Inclosed you will please to receive the monthly Accounts of the Settlement for February and March. The Honorable Company's debt to the Resident under the 31st Ultimo amounted to Rupees seventeen thousand five hundred and ten, four Mamoodies and nine Jus (17510.4.09) Principal. —

The Morning Star Captain Ashmead Green returned from Bussora the 27th Instant in the afternoon and is now despatched to your Honor &ca and I am with the greatest respect, —

Bushire
the 29th April 1786 No 107.

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant

List of the different kinds of Bengal Goods usually brought to this place the Medium prices for which they sell and the quantity that will annually sell here Vizt

Hummums 15 bales or 1500 Pieces Vizt
1st sort 5 Bales sell for 13 Raige Rupees ℔ piece
2 do 5 do do 11 do
3d do 5 do do 9 do
Sannes 15 bales or 1500 Pieces Vizt
1 Sort 5 bales sell for 8 do Rs ℔ p.
2d do 5 do do 7 do
3d do 5 do do 6 do
Baftaes Khanabaffy 2 Bales or 200 Pieces Vizt
1st sort sell for 12 do Rs ℔ ps
2d do 9 do } the first sort most in demand.
3d do 6 do
Cossaes Sannes 1 Bale or 200 Pieces sell for 5½ to 6 do Rs ℔ ps
do Maulda 1 do 200 do do 8 do
Mulmuls Aurandee generally purchased at Bengal @ 3.4 and 5 Rupees ℔ piece sell here for do Rs 5.7. and 9 ℔ ps 3 Bales or 600 Pieces —
Aurungshahy Barbara 2 Bales or 400 Pieces
1st sort 1 Bale sell for 14 do Rs ℔ ps
2d do {equal parts} do 12 do
3d do do 10 do

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Aurungshahy Rumshahy Capushahy 2 Bales or 400 Pieces Vizt
1st sort .. 1 Bale sell for 9 do Rs pr pe
2d do } equal parts } do 7½ do
3d do } do 6½ do

do .... Pushakee Ponchpattee 1 Bale or 100 Pieces Vizt
1st sort sell for 12 do Rs pr pe }
2d do ...... 11 do ... } the 1st sort most in demand
3d do ...... 10 do ...... }

Sheershukker with Silk half Pieces 1 Bale or 200 Pieces Vizt
1st sort sell for 13 do Rs pr pe }
2d do ...... 12 do .. } the 1st sort most in demand
3d do ...... 11 do ...... }

Choppah Romals Red ground 1 Bale or 200 Pieces Vizt
1st sort sell for 9 do Rs pr pe }
2d do do .... 8½ do .. } 1st sort most in demand
3d do do ... 8 ... do ...... }

Taffatas Ballachowy 1 Bale or 100 Pieces Vizt
1st sort sell for 18 do Rs pr Pe }
2d do ..... 15 do ..... } ½ Red ½ Yellow and Green
3d do ..... 12 do ..... }

Muggadooties Salalee 15 Bales or 360 Corge each Corge of 40 half pieces each Vizt
1st sort sell for 50 do Rs pr Corge }
2d do do .. 45 do ...... } 5 Bales of each sort.
3d do do .. 40 do ...... }

Muggadooties Haushaum 5 Bales or 100 Corge of 40 half pieces Vizt
1st sort sell for 40 do Rs pr pe }
2d do .. do .. 35 do .... } 1 sort most in demand.
3d do ... do .. 30 do ...... }

Muggadooties Single pieces 5 Bales or 120 Corge Vizt
1st sort sell for 65 do Rs pr Co of 20 Pieces }
2d do .. do .. 60 .. do .. do ...... } 1st sort most in demand. –
3d do .. do .. 55 .. do .. do ...... }

Sugar 1000 Bags if good and white sells for Six Mamoodies the Maund Tabareese of 7, 345 lbs dust
Ginger 200 Bags .... do .... four do ...... do –
Rice 500 Bags Vizt
1st sort 70 Bags sells for 12 do Rs pr bag
2d do 143 do .... 9 do
3d do 287 do .... 7 do

Bushire the 29th April 1786
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To
Captain Joseph Alderson
Commander of the Intrepid Snow

Sir

I have received your letter of this date, and having no freight to send to India on the Honorable Company's account you are hereby permitted to receive on board the Intrepid such freight as the Merchants here may offer you for India. –

You will please to furnish me with a Copy of your Manifest of such freight as you shall receive here, and I am. –

Sir. —
Your very obedient humble servant

Bushire
the 11th June 1786 No 109.

To



رسالة رقم ١١٠ إلى روسون هارت بودام، رئيس وحاكم الإدارة العامة، مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٤٧] (١/١)

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To

The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay.
Public Department,

Honorable Sir and Sirs

The Intrepid Snow Captain Joseph Alderson which arrived here from Bussora the 10th Instant now returning to India, I embrace the opportunity of forwarding You a duplicate of my last respects of the 29th April by the Morning Star, also a duplicate List of Bengal Goods for the Persia Market.

Inclosed your Honor &ca will likewise the Monthly Accounts of the Settlement for April and May, Account Quick and Dead Stocks to 30th April, Account Supplies received from the Presidency from the 1st February to the 30th April, An Estimate of the Probable Receipts and Disbursements between the 30th April 1786 and 1st of May 1787, and Account Receipt and Disbursements from the 1st of May 1785 to 30th April 1786.

In a separate Packet I have the pleasure to send your Honor &ca the Books of the Settlement from the 1st of May 1785 to the 30th April 1786. On Balancing the said Books it appears that the Honble Companys Net Loss at this Settlement during that period amounts to Rupees eleven thousand eight hundred and forty three, and three Mamoodies (11843.3 -) and the amount of Charges General to Rupees Eleven thousand four hundred and eighty six three Mamoodies and nineteen Jus (11486.3.19) or an increase of Rupees nine thousand four hundred and forty one three Mamoodies and eighteen Jus (9441.3.18) on the former and Rupees one thousand four hundred fifty seven, two Mamoodies and six Jus (1457, 2, 06) on the latter when compared with the Books ending the 30th April 1785. The Increases abovementioned arise from no Woollens having been sold here in last year, to the building of a New Stable as already noticed to your Honor &ca in my respects of the 30th of November 1785 and to the unavoidable Charges of Repairs to the Factory in March and April. —

The troubles in the interior parts of this Kingdom still continuing, I am sorry to inform your Honor &ca I have disposed of only one bale of Carpets of your consignment of Woollens by the Bombay Grab.

The Honorable Companys debt to the Resident under the 31st Ultimo amounted to Rupees twenty thousand five hundred and twenty six, two Mamoodies and sixteen Jus (20526, 2, 16) Principal —

Captain Alderson having requested by letter that he might be permitted to receive on board the Intrepid any freight that might offer for India I complied with his request, and inclosed your Honor &ca will please to receive a copy of the Intrepids Manifest. —

Bushire
the 13th June 1786.

No. 110.

I am with the greatest respect.
Honorable Sir and Sirs,
Your very obedient humble Servant

To

The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay
Political and Secret Department,

Honorable Sir and Sirs, Inclosed I have the pleasure to send you the duplicate of my last respects

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respects of the 29th April by the Morning Star, also a duplicate copy of Bussora Correspondence from the 22d February to the 29th April. –

In my last respects I informed your Honor &ca of Jaffier Khan's defeat by the forces of Mahomed Khan of Mazanderan and of his retreat to Isfahaun; and the 4th Ultimo letters from Khorasoon advised that Jaffier Khan had retreated to Sheraus and that Mahomed Khan had again taken possession of Isfahaun. The desertion of Ally Kooly Khan Jaffier Khan's principal general and Khan of Khorasoon, with a large part of the Army under his command, appears to have been the cause of Jaffier Khans having quitted Isfahaun. Ally Kooly Khan returned to his Government of Khorasoon and it is now reported that Jaffier Khan's Son with an army of six thousand men has left Sheraus in order to proceed against him. – Since the arrival of Mahomed Khan at Isfahaun no letters have been received from that place. –

The Intrepid Snow is now despatched to your Honor &ca and I am with the greatest respect

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant —

Bushire
the 13th June 1786. No 111.

To
Captain Joseph Alderson
Commander of the Intrepid Snow,

Sir
Winds and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where, on your arrival you will deliver the two accompanying Packets and Book Packet to the Honorable The President and Council in their Political and Secret Department and Public Department and follow their orders for your future proceedings. —

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am, —

Sir —
Your very obedient humble Servant —

Bushire
the 13th June 1786. No 112.

To
John Griffith Esqr Resident
and
Samuel Manesty Esqr Factor at Bussora

Gentlemen,
I received the 10th Ultimo your favor of the 6th of the same month by the Intrepid Snow —

The Intrepid sailed from this place for India the 14th Ultimo at day break —

Meer Ally Khan the Calantar of Genowa was here a short time since, when he assured me that he had done every thing in his power to recover the Packet and property taken from Mr. Manesty's Servant &ca, on the wrecking of his express boat near Bunderick in last year, but without success, as the persons known to have been concerned in the Robbery were not only

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under a different Government, but had fled the Country.

This I write you by the Elizabeth Snow Captain John Morres which arrived here from Bengal the 29 Ultimo, and am with much esteem,

Gentlemen
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 3d July 1786 No. 113

To
John Griffith and
Samuel Manesty Esqrs
Resident and Factor at Bussora

Gentlemen, I received yesterday evening by the Greyhound Brig your favor of the 27th Instant. —

The Greyhound having sprung a leak in her way down, I am sorry to inform you it is the opinion of the Carpenters and Caulkers here that her damages cannot be repaired in less than eight days. I beg you will believe that no exertions shall be wanting on my part to expedite her departure for India agreeable to your request, and I remain with much Esteem,

Gentlemen
Your very obedient humble Servant —

Bushire
the 30th July 1786. No. 114.

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqrs
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay
Political and Secret Department,

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

The Greyhound Brig now returning to India inclosed you will please to receive duplicate of my last respects of the 13th of June by the Intrepid Snow, and Copy of Bussora Correspondence from the departure of the Morning Star the 29th April to this day. —

Letters from Isfahaun received here the beginning of last month mentioned that Mahomed Khan after a short stay at that place had again returned to the Northward: before his departure he appointed the Son of Baukher Khan Governor of Isfahaun. Jaffier Khan not having force sufficient to take the field remains at Sheraux. Ally Kooly Khan of Khovzaroon in consequence of Jaffier Khan having in the most solemn manner promised to pardon him in case he would return to his duty, returned to Sheraux about the middle of last month; but instead of being again taken into favor, he was almost immediately after his arrival thrown into prison, and Khovzaroon has since surrendered to a party sent from Sheraux by Jaffier Khan against it. —

I remain with the greatest respect —

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 2d August 1786. No. 115. —

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رسالة رقم ١١٦ إلى روسون هارت بودام، رئيس وحاكم الإدارة العامة، مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٥٠] (١/١)

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To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay.
Public Department,

Honorable Sir and Sirs, The Greyhound Brig Lieutenant John Robinson which arrived here from Bussora the 29th Ultimo in the evening being now despatched to your Honor &ca inclosed I have the pleasure to send you, duplicate of my last respects of the 13th June by the Intrepid Snow, duplicate Account Quick and Dead Stocks to 30th April, duplicate Account Supplies received from the Presidency from the 1st of February to 30th April, duplicate Estimate of the Probable Receipts and Disbursements betwn the 30th April 1786 and 1st May 1787, duplicate Account Receipts and Disbursements from the 1st of May 1785 to 30th April 1786, duplicate Copy of Manifest of Freight ℘ Intrepid Snow, and Monthly Account of the Settlement for the month of June.

The monthly Accounts of the Settlement for last month and Quick and Dead Stocks to 31st July, not being yet finished I shall do myself the pleasure of forwarding them to your Honor &ca by the very next opportunity.—

The Greyhound having sprung a Leak in her passage from Bussora, which it was absolutely necessary should be stopped before she could again proceed to Sea, has been the cause of her long detention at this place. On Lieutenant Robinsons representing to me the State of his Vessel I immediately sent on board all the Carpenters and Caulkers procurable here, and I trust your Honor &ca will believe that my utmost endeavours have been exerted to expedite her departure.—

Two Ships and a Snow belonging to Tippo Saukeb passed by this place in their way to Bussora between the 27th and 31st Ultimo.—

The Elizabeth Snow Captain John Morris with a freight Cargo from Bengal for this place and Bussora arrived here the 29th of June and sailed again for Bussora the 7th Ultimo, and the Begler Captain Peter Scott sailed from here on her return to Bengal the 19th Ultimo.—

Under the 30th of June the Honorable Companys debt to the Resident amounted to twenty one thousand one hundred and sixteen Rupees, three Mamoodies and eight Gus (21116.3.08) Principal.

I am with the greatest respect.—
Honorable Sir and Sirs,
Your very obedient humble Servant.—

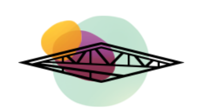
Bushire
the 2d August 1786. No. 116.

To
Lieutenant John Robinson
in Command of the Greyhound Brig.—

Sir, Winds and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where on your arrival you will deliver the two accompanying packets to the Honorable the President and Council in their Political and Secret department and Public Department and follow their orders for your future proceedings.—

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am, Sir.—
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 2d August 1786. No. 117.



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To
Captain John Thistleton
Commander of the Scorpion Snow,

Sir. Wind and Weather permitting You are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bussora, where, on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to John Griffith Esqr. Resident and Samuel Manesty Esqr. Factor and follow their orders for your future proceedings. —

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am — Sir
Your very obedient humble servant

Bushire
the 24th September 1786. No. 118.

To
John Griffith Esquire
and
Samuel Manesty Esqr.
Resident and Factor at Bussora

Gentlemen, My last to you was dated the 30th of July, since when I have not been favored with any of yours. —

The Repairs to the Greyhound Brig having been completed the 2d. Ultimo, She sailed for Bombay early the next morning. —

This you will receive by the Scorpion Snow Captain John Thistleton which arrived here the 23d. Instant from Bombay, and I am with much esteem. —

Gentlemen
Your very obedient humble servant

Bushire the 24th September 1786.
No. 119.

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqre.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.
Political and Secret Department

Honorable Sir and Sirs, By the Scorpion Captain John Thistleton which arrived here the 23d. Ultimo, I had the pleasure to receive your Commands of the 31st. July.

Inclosed you will please to receive the duplicate of my last respects of the 2d. August and duplicate copy of Bussora Correspondence to that date. —

No alteration has lately taken place either at Isfahaun or Sheraz. Jaffier Khan with an Army of from ten to fifteen thousand men is now at Kauzaroon; he arrived there the 22d. Ultimo, when he immediately summoned all the different Governors of these parts, except Sheikh Nausir, to attend him; the greatest part of them is already gone, and the 7th. Instant Sheikh Nausir sent him a considerable present accompanied by one of his Nephews which the Khan accepted of and vested the Sheikhs Nephew with a Robe of Honor. Jaffier Khans

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future designs is not yet known, but it is supposed he will proceed towards Isfahaun so soon as he shall have collected the outstanding Revenues of these parts. —

I remain with the greatest respect. —

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble servant

Bushire
the 25th October 1786. No. 120.—

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.
Public Department,

Honorable Sir and Sirs, Since my last respects of the 2d. August, of which the inclosed is duplicate, I have been favored with your Commands of 3d. August by the Scorpion inclosing Copy of sailing Orders to Captain Thistleton and Extracts from the Honorable Company's Commands dated the 21st. September 1785 and 1st. February and 8th. of March 1786 and to all which I shall pay the most strict obedience.

The Scorpion sailed for Bussora the 25th. of August at Day break, and the Panther Captain Charles Pickett which arrived here from Bengal the 13th. Instant sailed for the same place the 16th. following: the Panther left Bengal the 15th. of July and Muscat the 24th. Ultimo. —

I have the pleasure to inform your Honor &ca. of my having sold the 11th. Instant six bales of Superfine Cloth and one bale of Perpets the former at seven and an half Rupees the Guz Shah, the latter at twenty seven Rupees and two Mamoodies the Piece, and as the cold Weather is now setting in I trust I shall shortly be able to inform you of my having made more considerable Sales —

This address I forward your Honor &c. by the Elizabeth Snow Captain John Morris, which arrived this morning from Bussora in her way to Bombay and Bengal and inclosed you will please to receive An Account Quick and Dead Stocks to the 31st. July last, and the monthly Accounts of the Settlement for July, August, and September. —

The Honorable Company's debt to the Resident under the 30th. Ultimo amounted to Rupees 24604. 4. 12, Principal, and I remain with the greatest respect. —

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 25th. October 1786.

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Indent of Woollens for the Bushire Market Vizt.

Broad Cloth 110 Bales Vizt.		
Superfine Medleys		10
Coarse do.		40
Worsters 30 Bales Vizt.		
Scarlet in Grain	3.	
Crimson	2	
Cherry	3.	
Mazarine Blue	5	
Light Blue	3.	
Grass, Emerald and French Greens	14.	30
Carried over Bales		80

Brought over		80	
Coarse Cloth 30 Bales Vizt.			
Scarlet in Grain	5		
Crimson	2		
Cherry	3		
Mazarine Blue	4.		
Light Blue	3		
Grass, Emerald and French Greens	13.	30	110
Perpetuanoes 250 Bales Vizt.			
Scarlet in Grain		65	
Mazarine Blue		45	
Sky Blue		45	
Cherry		10.	
Grass, Saxon, Emerald and French Greens		85.	250
		Bales	360.

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To
Captain John Thistleton
Commander of the Scorpion Snow

Sir. Winds and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where on your arrival you will deliver the two accompanying Packets to the Honorable the President and Council in their Political and Secret Department, and Public Department, and follow their orders for your future proceedings —

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am, Sir.

Bushire the 10th December 1786.

Your very obedient humble Servant

No. 123

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esquire
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay
Public Department

Honorable Sir and Sirs.

The Scorpion Snow Captain John Thistleton which arrived here from Bussora yesterday evening now returning to India inclosed I have the pleasure to send you a duplicate of my last respects of the 25th October by the Elizabeth Snow Captain John Morris, duplicate Quick and Dead Stocks to 31st July, Quick and Dead Stocks to the 31st October, last the monthly Accounts of the Settlement for October and an Indent for three hundred and sixty Bales of Woollens for this Market which I flatter myself your Honor &ca will be able to indulge me with by the beginning of next Autumn. —

It affords me the greatest satisfaction to inform your Honor &ca of my having a few days since sold thirty seven bales of Broad Cloth and twenty seven Bales of Perpets to the Sheikh and Merchants of this place and that I am led to hope that the Remainder or twenty five Bales of Broad Cloth will also be disposed of in all this month. As only a small part of the Woollens sold as abovementioned has yet been cleared by the Merchants it is not in my power to forward your Honor &ca the Account Sales by this opportunity. —

Having for some months past laboured under a very severe indisposition and which I have great reason to fear will return on the setting in of the Heats I am humbly to request of your Honor &ca that I may be relieved, and have permission to return to the Presidency, by the latter end of the approaching Spring if possible. —

The Honorable Company's debts to the Resident under the 31st October amounted to Rupees twenty one thousand two hundred and ninety eight, two Mamoodies and six Jux (21298.2.06) Principal. The Accounts of the Settlement for last month owing to the very indifferent state of my health I have not yet been able to finish, I therefore flatter myself you will excuse my not sending them by this conveyance. —

I remain with the greatest respect. —

Honorable Sir and Sirs

Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 10th December 1786. No. 124.

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رسالة رقم ١٢٥ إلى روسون هارت بودام، رئيس وحاكم الإدارة السياسية والسرية، مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [‎١٥٤] (١/١)

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To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqre
President and Governor &ca Council
Political and Secret Department. of Bombay.

Honorable Sir and Sirs, The Scorpion Snow Captain John Thistleton being now despatched to your Honor &ca inclosed you will please to receive a duplicate of, my last respects of the 25th October. —

Jaffier Khan still continues at Kauzaroon, but it is supposed that he will very shortly proceed to the Northward to join the Bactrians, from whence he will proceed against Isfahaun, Mahomet Khan of Mazanderan being dangerously ill at Tehran. —

Mirza Hossein formerly Sadoc Khan's second Secretary and from whom the Factors at Bussora received much assistance on the Capture of that place by the Persians in 1776 being at present Jaffier Khan's Prime Minister, I embraced the opportunity of the return of a Relation of his to Kauzaroon the 6th Instant of writing him a complimentary letter and requesting the continuance of his friendship to the English Nation, and I at the same time sent him a Present of an Elegant Achromatic Telescope and a Farenheit's Thermometer two articles of which the Persians are extremely desirous. It is true I might have spared the Honorable Company the charge of this Present; but as the whole amounts to no more than five hundred Rupees and Mirza Hossein from his high station and great influence with Jaffier Khan may have it in his power of greatly benefitting the Honorable Company's affairs in this Kingdom I flatter myself your Honor &ca will approve my conduct, and I remain with the greatest respect

Bushire the 10th December 1786. No. 125.

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant —

To
John Griffith and
Samuel Manesty Esqres
Resident and Factor at Bussora.

Gentlemen, By the Elizabeth Snow which arrived here the 25th October I was favored with yours of the 15th of the same month, and the 9th Instant I received by the Scorpion Snow yours of the 5th Instant. —

I observe the return of Mr. John Griffith to India on the Scorpion and of his having previously delivered over charge of the Honorable Company's affairs at Bussora to Mr. Manesty.

The Scorpion sailed from this place for India the 11th in the morning, and I remain with much esteem,

Gentlemen
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 13th December 1786. No. 126.

Translate of a letter from Jaffier Khan at his Camp near Kauzaroon dated in the month Saffir in the year of the Hejira 1201 received the 24th December 1786.

After Compliments. Two Europeans Gentlemen by name John Morrison and John Begg

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have come to me on the part of the King of England, but they being in expectation of Gofur Beg who is coming on the part of the King of India and who is joined with them in the business they are ordered to treat with me upon not being yet arrived and as these Gentlemen are much fatigued on account the length of the Journey they now proceed to Bushire, and I have ordered Sheikh Nausir Khan to shew them every politeness and civility until Gofur Beg shall arrive, and when I shall understand the business they are charged with I will give them my answer and despatch them, and as you and these gentlemen are of one Nation I recommend them to you –

P.S. I have ordered Sheikh Nausir Khan to pay the abovementioned gentlemen one hundred and twenty Piastres ℔ month for their expences during their stay, and I desire you will receive this sum for them, and that you will take care of them till my return to Sheraus when I will order them to come to me and finish their business. –

No. 127.

To
Jaffier Khan

After Compliments, I have received your Phirmaund by Jaffir Beg on the subject of the two Gentlemen Messieurs John Morrison and John Biggs whom you inform me had arrived at your Camp, on the part of the King of England, and I observe what you mention with respect to their being in expectation of the arrival of Ghofur Beg on the part of the Grand Mogul in order jointly with them to settle some business with you. Messieurs Morrison and Biggs have arrived here. they are English Gentlemen, and as such I am highly obliged to you for the great favors you have been pleased to shew them, but not having received any letters from England, or India on their subject I know not by whom they are employed, nor what business they may have to transact with you. Had they been sent out by the King of England, or the Honorable East India Company to treat with you I should certainly have received some information or orders from England or my Honorable Superiors in India regarding them. Of the coming of Ghofur Beg on the part of the Grand Mogul I am also equally uninformed. I flatter myself in the hope that the Honorable Company's Factory here will at all times be honored with your protection and assistance. May your life may be long and in the highest degree successful —

No. 128.

To
Mirza Hossein

After Complements I have received your letter and am much obliged to you for your offers of service and assurances of friendship. —

Jaffier Khan has wrote to me on the subject of two Gentlemen Messieurs John Morrison and John Biggs who have arrived at his Camp; He says they are sent by the King of England, that they are in expectation of Ghofur Beg on the part of the Grand Mogul, and that when he shall know their business he will give them his answer. I have received no orders from England or India concerning these Gentlemen, nor do I know by whom they are employed; if they had been sent by the King of England or the Honorable Company to treat with Jaffier Khan, I should most assuredly have received orders from England or my Superiors in India on their subject, and of the

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coming of Ghaffer Beg I am equally uninformed. Messieurs Morrison and Biggs have arrived here they are English Gentlemen, and on that Account I am much obliged to the Khan for the many favors wh[ich] I understand he shewed them. I wish the Khan the greatest success and if I can render you any [service] at this place I beg you will inform me. May your life be long and happy

No. 129.

Translate of a letter from Major John Morrison to Saffer Khan sent by Saffer Beg the 27th December 1786.

After Compliments, After receiving your permission to depart we proceeded in company with Saffer Beg your Seloodaur who treated us with much civility until our arrival at Bushire. Having received here some news from India we shall be under the necessity of waiting some time for further intelligence, when we shall proceed with all expedition by Sea on our way to Delhi. By the favor of God we shall return very soon. —

No. 130.

To
Captain Charles Pickett
Commander of the Panther Snow.

Sir, I have received your letter of this date and having no freight to send to Bombay on the Honorable Company's account you are hereby permitted to receive on board the Panther such Gruff freight as the Merchants here may offer you for that place. —

You will please to furnish me with Copies of your Manifests of whatever Treasure and Gruff freight you shall receive here and I am.

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 4th January 1787.

No. 131.

To
Captain Charles Pickett
Commander of the Panther Snow

Sir Winds and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bombay, where, on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packets to the Honorable the President and Council in their Political and Secret Departments and follow their orders for your future proceedings

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am — Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

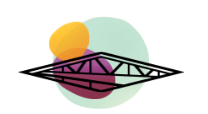
Bushire the 5th January 1787.

No. 132.

To
Captain Charles Pickett
Commander of the Panther Snow.

Sir, Having received intelligence that leads me to suspect that Captain George Biggs is on board the Panther, and as it is the Honorable the President and Council their positive orders, that no Persons not in the Honorable Company's Service, or, proceeding to India without their permission, should be carried to India on the Honorable Company's Cruisers, you are hereby

positively



positively directed not to afford the said Captain George Biggs a passage from this place, whether to Muscat, India, or elsewhere. I am

Sir
Bushire the 5th January 1787. Your very obedient humble servant

No. 133.

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqre
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay
Public Department

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

I addressed you last by the Scorpion Snow under the 10th Ultimo, and this you will receive by the Panther Snow Captain Charles Pickett,

In my last respects of the abovementioned date, of which the inclosed is duplicate I informed your Honor &ca of my having disposed of thirty seven Bales of Broad Cloth and twenty seven Bales of Perpets to the Sheikh and Merchants of this place of this Sale twenty two Bales of Broad Cloth and twenty seven bales of Perpets have already been cleared and the remaining fifteen bales of Broad Cloth I expect will also be cleared in two or three days —

Inclosed your Honor &ca will please to receive the monthly Accounts of the Settlement for November and December, duplicate Indent of Woollens for this Market, and duplicate Quick and Dead Stocks to the 31st October last —

Inclosed you will also receive copies of the Manifests of Treasure and Gruff freight by the Panther — The amount of the Treasure freight or Rupees one hundred and seventeen Captain Pickett has received here, and for which he will account with your Honor &ca —

The Honorable Company's debt to the Resident under the 31st Ultimo amounted to Rupees seven thousand three hundred and seventy one Rupees, four Mamoodies and eleven Gaz (7371.4.11.) Principal, and I remain with the greatest respect,

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Bushire the 5th January 1787. Your very obedient humble Servant

No. 134.

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esquire
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay
Political and Secret Department

Honorable Sir and Sirs,

In my last respects of the 10th Ultimo, of which the inclosed is duplicate, I informed your Honor &ca of my having wrote a complimentary letter to Mirza Hossein Jaffer Khan's Prime Minister, and sent him a present of an Achromatic Telescope, and a Thermometer: The 21st Instant I received a complimentary letter from him in reply in which he acknowledges the receipts of these articles, expresses himself very highly sensible of the favor, desires me to command him upon all occasions, and assures me that he shall ever exert his utmost interest for the benefit of the English Nation in general —

By

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رسالة رقم ١٣٥ إلى روسون هارت بودام، رئيس وحاكم الإدارة السياسية والسرية، مجلس بومباي، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [١٥٨] (٢/٢)

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By the Person who brought Mirza Hossein's letter I was informed that two European Gentlemen ha[d] arrived from Sherauz at Jaffier Khan's Camp in their way to Bushire and the 24th Instant Major [J] Morrison and Captain George Biggs arrived here with Saffer Beg, a person whom Jaffier Khan [sent with] them to conduct them to this place. By Saffer Beg I received a Phirmaund from Jaffier Khan on the subject of these Gentlemen a Translate of which I have now the pleasure to inclose you, also copy of my letter to the Khan in reply, and understanding that Major Morrison had wrote a letter to Jaffier Khan on the return of Saffer Beg I procured a copy of it, and which is likewise inclosed for your notice. —

Messieurs Morrison and Biggs left England in August 1785 and came by the route of Constantinop[le] Bagdat Isfahaun and Sherauz. Since their arrival here I have done every thing in my power to procure certain information regarding them. It appears that Major Morrison is in the service of Shah Allum and that he has his orders to settle a treaty of Commerce with the King of Persia and that he is in expectation of the arrival of Ghofur Beg from Delhy who is joined with him in this business. The Major is an elderly man and was formerly in the Honorable Company's Service at Bengal in the Military Line: Captain Biggs is a young man who appears to be travelling with the Major as a Companion. —

Major Morrison proposed waiting here a few days, when should Ghofur Beg not arrive he would have proceeded by boat to Muscat and Scindy and from thence up the River Indus or through the Guzarat Country, as he should find most practicable, to Delhy, but having been informed here of the situation of affairs at Delhy I hear he now means to return to England again immediately, by the same route he came. Major Morrison made a present of a Pair of Pistols and a Telescope to Jaffier Khan, and to Mirza Hossein he gave a pair of Pistols. —

Though Mirza Hossein in his letter to me did not take the least notice of the arrival of the above-mentioned Gentlemen at the Camp, I thought it would be proper to send him the purport of my letter to Jaffier Khan on their subject, and a Copy of my letter to him is also inclosed —

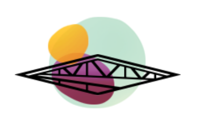
Your Honor &ca. may depend I shall keep a most watchful eye over all the proceedings of Messieurs Morrison and Biggs, and give you every information on their subjects that shall come to my Knowledge, and should they attempt to persuade the Khan to comply with any measures prejudicial to the interests of the Honorable Company in this Kingdom, I have every reason to hope that I shall have it in my power to render their endeavours of no effect —

Jaffier Khan departed from Kauzaroon the 17th Instant, and as the Winter Season is commenced it is supposed he will defer his journey to Isfahaun till the Spring. Mahomet Khan of Mazanderan still remains at Tehran. —

The Panther Snow Captain Charles Pickett which arrived here the 3d Instant in the Evening from Bussora is now despatched to You, and I remain with the greatest respect,

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 5th January 1787. No. 135.



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To
John Griffith Esquire Resident
and
Samuel Manesty Esquire Factor
at Bussora

Gentlemen

I received the 3d Instant Mr. Manesty's letter of the 31st Ultimo by the Panther Snow Captain Charles Pickett —

The Panther sailed from here for India the 6th Instant at day break; —

This you will receive by the Elizabeth Snow which arrived here from Bengal and Madras the 12th Instant and I remain with esteem —

Gentlemen
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire the 19th January 1787.

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P.S. I inclose you a letter from Mr. Harford Jones —

See sailing order to Captain Thistleton No. 137 and letter to Bussora No. 138 entered as p Contra page 77 and 78 —

To
John Griffith Esquire Resident
and
Samuel Manesty Esquire Factor
at Bushire

Gentlemen,

I wrote you last by the Scorpion, of which the inclosed is duplicate, and the 6th Instant I was favored with Mr. Manesty's letter of the 20th Ultimo by the Charlotte Sloop. The Charlotte sailed again for India the 8th.

On examining the Woollens landed here from the Scorpion Snow Captain John Thistleton, I found to my very great concern the numbers on the Bales to be totally different from the numbers expressed in the Honorable the President and Councils Invoice of Woollens for this place. I therefore conclude (as Captain Thistleton informed me that he brought up Woollens for your Market also) that the Woollens landed here are for Bussora, and that those continued on board the Scorpion are for this place. Should this really prove to be the case I must request you will take an early opportunity of returning the Woollens for Bushire, and inform me in what manner you would wish me to send to you those now here. The Woollens landed here consist of eighteen Bales of Broad Cloth, and thirty six Bales of Long Ells and are numbered as follows —

Broad Cloth. No. 52, 55 33. 41. 50. 17. 3. 48. 1. 56. 22. 58. 27. 59. 44. 76. 54. 13.
Long Ells.. No. 48. 64 1. 62. 60. 7. 27. 99. 49. 17. 63. 100. 132. 61. 97. 2. 133. 5. 102. 26. 20. 131. 140. 141. 101. 6. 22. 25. 139. 47. 24. 59. 28. 19. 23. 103. —

The Woollens for this place agreeably to the Honorable the President and Council their Invoice should consist of seventeen Bales of Broad Cloth and thirty seven Bales of Long Ells and Numbered as follows. —

Broad Cloth 7. 9. 20. 24. 25. 29. 35. 43. 45. 47. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 75.
Long Ells 69. 70. 71. 72. 91. 92. 93. 37. 38. 39. 40. 88. 79. 83. 84. 85 87. 145. 146. 147. 53. 54.
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55. 11. 13. 14. 111. 112. 113. 115. 116. 117. 119. 120. 127. 128. 129. –

I remain with much esteem

Gentlemen
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 11th March 1787. No. 139.

To
Samuel Manesty Esquire
Resident at Bussora.

Sir, On the Evening of the 26th Instant I received your letter of the 18th preceding ꝑ Elizabeth; and on the 27th following Captain Thistleton delivered to me yours of the 23d March, giving Cover to an Invoice of Seventeen Bales Broad Cloth, and thirty Seven Bales long Ells, shipped by you, on the latter of these Vessel on Account and Risque of the Hon'ble Company. –

These Woollens have been landed here; and I now lade on board the Scorpion; and Consign to you on Account and Risque of the Honorable Company Eighteen Bales of Broad Cloth; and thirty Six Bales Long Ells, as ꝑ accompanying Invoice and bill of Lading. –

I remark the Extracted Paragraph of the Honorable the President and Council their letter to you, in their public Department of the 28th January, and am happy in having an opportu=nity to present you my Congratulations on your having received so flattering a Mark of the Approbation of our Honorable Masters; as an Appointment to the Residency of Bussora. –

The Elizabeth sailed from hence in prosecution of her Voyage this morning. –

The Scorpion has been detained here as short a time as possible; though a Severe Inflamation on my Eyes almost prevents my paying any Attention to Business. –

The Begler Captain Nankerville, a Bengal Merchant Ship imported last Night –

I am with much Esteem. –

Sir. –
Your very obedient humble Servant –

Bushire
the 30th March 1787. – No. 140. –

To
Captain John Thistleton
Commander of the Scorpion Snow.

Sir Winds and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bussora where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying packet to John Griffith Esqr. Resident and Samuel Manesty Esqr. Factor at that place and follow their orders for your future proceedings. –

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and am.

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 2d March 1787 No. 137. See page 76 as ꝑ Contra mentioned.

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To
John Griffith Esquire Resident
and
Samuel Manesty Esquire Factor
at Bussora

Gentlemen

My last to you was dated the 19th January and went by the Elizabeth Snow Captain David Marshall since when I have not been favored with any of yours —

The Scorpion Snow Captain John Thistleton which arrived here from India the 27th Ultimo at night now proceeds to Bussora, and I have directed Captain Thistleton to put himself under your orders immediately on his arrival there. —

I remain with much esteem
Gentlemen
Your very obedient humble Servant —

Bushire
the 2d March 1787. No.138 see page 76 mentioned. —

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esquire
President and Governor &ca Council of Bombay
Political and Secret Department,

Honorable Sir and Sirs, Your Commands of the 27th of January by the Scorpion Snow I received the 27th of February, and I observe your sentiments touching Presents and relative to Major Morrison and Captain Biggs, which shall be most fully complied with.

In my last respects of the 5th of January I informed your Honor &ca of my having heard that Major Morrison had come to the resolution of returning to England again by the way of Bussora and the 22d of the same month, He and Captain Biggs proceeded to Bussora on the Elizabeth Snow Captain Marshall. Having been informed that Major Morrison wrote a letter to Jaffier Khan previous to his departure I procured a copy of it, and which I have now the pleasure to inclose for your observation. The list of Officers &ca referred to in the letter I have not been able to procure, no copy having been taken of it by the writer of the letter —

The Person who carried Major Morrison's letter abovementioned to Jaffier Khan having returned here a short time since, I made it my business to learn from him the reception it met with from the Khan. He informed me that the Khan instead of entering into the spirit of Major Morrisons scheme had made reflections on it by no means advantageous to the understanding to that Gentleman and had not returned any answer to it. —

Jaffier Khan returned to Sheraws the beginning of March; and it is said he proposes departing for Isfahaun about the end of this month. — Mahomed Khan remains at Tehran, which one of his Brothers governs Isfahaun. —

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The Scorpion Snow Captain John Thistleton which arrived from Bussora the 7th Instant at night is now despatched to your Honor &ca. and I remain with the greatest respect —

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 9th May 1787.

No. 141. —

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esquire
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.

Commercial Department

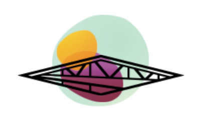
Honorable Sir and Sirs,

I received the 27th of February your Commands of the 28th of the preceeding month by the Scorpion Snow, inclosing Invoice and Bill of Lading of Woollens by that Vessel and Extract from the Honorable Companys Commands dated the 7th April 1786, and observe your Honor &ca. proposed forwarding the remainder of the Woollens for this Market by the next opportunity. —

It affords me much satisfaction to hear of the safe arrival at Bombay of the Honorable Company Ship the Besborough. —

In compliance with your Honor &ca. Commands I have made particular enquiry here regarding Carmenia Wool, and find that none has been brought to this place for Sale for several years back. On enquiring of a Persian Merchant who has connections in Carmenia the cause of this, he informed me there had been no demand for it; on my asking him what quantity he thought the Carmenia Merchants could send here annually if they were sure of a speedy vend for it, he said he could not tell but he believed a very considerable quantity. The Person in question having returned to Sheraws a short time since I requested of him to write to his Correspondents at Carmen desiring their information as to the quantity of the different sorts of Wooll they could annually send here, and on what terms, and that he would favor me with their answer as speedily as possible, all which he promised most faithfully to do. In the mean time should any Wool offer here, agreeably to your Honor &ca. Commands I shall purchase it on the most reasonable terms possible and forward it to you as opportunities offer, drawing upon you for the amount should it not be in my power to pay for it in any other manner. —

Captain Thistleton having made a mistake in landing the Woollens for Bussora instead of those designed for this place I embraced the first opportunity of informing Mr. Manesty of the error at the same time requesting he would return the Woollens for Bushire as early as possible and inform me in what manner I should send him those for Bussora. In consequence of my request Mr. Manesty returned the Scorpion Snow with the Bushire Woollens and to receive those for Bussora, She arrived here the 27th of March and the exchange of Woollens having been made she departed again for Bussora the 31st of the same month. —



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Since the Woollens cleared in January, the particulars of which your Honor &ca. will observe the Accounts now inclosed for that month I am sorry to inform you that no offers have been made me for any further quantity, and as the hot weather has already Commenced I much fear the whole of the Woollens now in Warehouse will continue unsold till the beginning of Autumn at least —

The Honorable Companys Snow the Elizabeth belonging to the Bengal Establishment Commanded by Mr. David Marshall sailed from this place for Bombay and Bengal the 31st. March, and the 29th. of the same month the Begler Merchant Ship Captain Nankeville from Bengal arrived here from Bengal, and departed for Bussora the 1st. Ultimo. On the 26th. Ultimo the Dadaloy Merchant Snow Captain Christian Geddes imported here from Bengal and sailed again for Bussora the 1st. Instant. —

Inclosed you will please to receive the monthly Accounts of the Settlement for January, and February, and Account Quick and Dead Stocks to 31st. January last. The Books of the Settlement ending the 30th. Ultimo and the several quarterly Accounts to that period and the monthly Accounts for March owing to a severe indisposition which I have laboured under for some time past not being yet finished I shall do myself the pleasure of forwarding them to your Honor &ca. by the next opportunity if possible. —

The Honorable Companys debt to the Resident under the 28th. of February amounted to five thousand one hundred and thirty eight Rupees and four Drs. (5138. – 04) Principal. —

The Scorpion Snow arrived from Bussora the 7th. Instant at night and now returns to the Presidency, and I remain with the greatest respect,

Honorable Sir and Sirs
Your very obedient humble Servant —

Bushire
the 9th. May 1787. No. 142,

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council of Bombay.
Public Department,

Honorable Sir and Sirs, By the Scorpion Snow Captain John Thistleton which arrived here the 27th. of February I received your Commands of the 28th. of January, inclosing Extracts from the Honorable Companys Commands dated the 7th. April 1786 in their General and additional letters also of the 28th. of the same month with copy of the Commission of Government inclosed in the latter constituting and appointings the Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr. President and Governor and Commander in Chief of the Forces under the Presidency of Bombay and Andrew Ramsay, Robert Sparkes, and Richard Church Esqrs. of the Council at Bombay, and copy of an instrument revoking the Commission before granted to Brigadier General Lawrence Nelson appointing him Commander in Chief of the Forces likewise copy of an Act of Parliament "intituled an Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the 24th. year of the Reign of his present Majesty respecting the better

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regulation and management of the affairs of the East India Company and to the whole of which I shall pay all due and implicit obedience. —

I observe your Honor &ca having carried into execution the Honorable Companys Commands of the 25th September relative to the business of the Presidency being conducted in the respective departments of Public Secret and Political Military Revenue and Commercial and agreeable to your Commands I shall address you in these distinct departments whenever I have occasion to write on the subjects which the Honorable Company have directed shall be taken into Consideration at these several Boards. —

I am happy to learn from your Honor &ca Commands abovementioned that the Right Honorable Charles Earl Cornwallis had arrived safe at Fort William the 12th September last, and also that he had on the same day taken charge of the Office of Governor General of Bengal in conformity to the appointment of the Honorable the Court of Directors.

Agreeably to your Honor &ca Commands I made known at this place the resolution of the Right Honorable the Governor General and Council to extend the period of receiving subscriptions for Bills on the Honorable the Court of Directors agreeably to their orders of the 15th of September untill the 28th of February last but no subscriptions was made at this place

I beg leave to return your Honor &ca my most grateful thanks for the permission you have given me of resigning the Residency of Bushire, and I read with pleasure your determination of appointing a gentleman to relieve me by the next Vessel which shall sail for this Gulph. —

A most severe indisposition having prevented my paying the least attention to business for upwards of three months past, and from which I am now but very slowly recovering, I flatter myself your Honor &ca will indulgently excuse my not having addressed you since the departure of the Panther Snow which carried you my last respects of the 5th of January. — I remain with the greatest respect,

Honorable Sir and Sirs

Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 9th May 1787. No. 143.

To
Captain John Thistleton
Commander of the Scorpion Snow,

Winds and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh anchor, and make the best of your way to Bombay, where on your arrival you will deliver the three accompany Packets to the Honorable the President and Council and follow their orders for your future proceedings. —

I wish you a pleasant and speedy passage and remain,

Sir —

Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
the 9th May 1787. No. 144.



رسالة رقم ١٤٥ إلى صمويل مانيستي، المقيم البريطاني في البصرة، من إدوارد جالي في بوشهر [‎١٦٥] (١/١)

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To
Samuel Manesty Esquire
Resident at Bussora,
Sir,

Your favor of the 26th of March with its inclosures I received the 31st of the same month, and the 7th Instant at night came to hand your letter of the 3d Instant by the Scorpion Snow.

The Scorpion sailed again for India yesterday afternoon, and I remain with much esteem,

Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servant.—

Bushire
the 10th May 1787. No. 145.

To
Samuel Manesty Esqre.
Resident at Bussora,
Sir,

My last letter to you was dated the 10th Ultimo, which I have the pleasure to observe you had received.

The 14th Instant I received your letter of the 21st Ultimo, and the 22d following I received your favors of the 9th and 13th Instant.—

I am much obliged to you for the particulars you have favored me with regarding the late Revolution at Bussora, and I regard with much pleasure, the friendly and honorable conduct that Sheikh Thuany has hitherto observed towards the Honorable Company's Factory and their Dependents: and that you have not the most distant fear that the Property of the Honorable Company or English Individuals under your charge is exposed to any sort of danger.—

Neither the late Mussaleem of Bussora nor any other of the Officers of the late Turkish Government were permitted to land here from Chellabys Ship except Hodjee Abdulla the late Tufunkchi Bashee; if they had you may be assured I should have complied with your request, and paid them every proper attention in my power. The Shah Aulem sailed from this place the 25th Instant, and I remain with much esteem,

Sir,
Your very obedient humble Servant.—

Bushire
4th. the 24th June 1787. No. 146.

To
Samuel Manesty Esqre.
Resident at Bussora
Sir,

Mr. Galley did himself the pleasure of writing to you last the 24th Instant, but no good opportunity for Bussora having since offered, you will receive it inclosed—

The 27th Instant in the Evening arrived here the Panther Snow, under the Command of Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Thomas Buncombe, from Bombay; and She is now despatched to Bussora.

In consequence of Mr. Galley's request to be relieved from this Residency, Mr. Charles Watkins arrived on the Panther to succeed him, and agreeably to the Honorable the President and Council their orders Mr. Galley intends returning on her to India. —

Not having received any late news from the interior parts of this Kingdom deserving your Attention, we remain with much esteem,

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant. —

Bushire
5th the 30th June 1787. No. 147.

To
Samuel Manesty Esqr.
Resident at Bussora.

Sir.

We wrote You last on the 30th June, and on the 27th July following were favoured with your Letter of the 20th of that Month & Dadaloy.

The Honble Company's Snow, Scorpion, Captain Hugh Stevenson Lewis, arrived here Yesterday Morning from Bombay, and now proceeds to Bussora.

The Honble the President & Council having addressed Us respecting the Procuration of Plants &ca. for a botanical Garden establish'd at Bengal, We request You will acquaint Us with the Particulars of your Orders from Bombay relative thereto, that We may be enabled to execute their Commands as far as lays in our Power in Conjunction with You.

We remain, with much Esteem
Sir
Your very Obedt. Hble Servants

Bushire
2nd Septr. 1787. No. 148.

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Political & Secret Department.

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Mr. Galley had last the Honor of addressing You by the Scorpion Snow under Date the 9th May, since which time nothing decisive has happened between Jaffier Khan, and Akau Mahomed Khan, the former, it is positively asserted intends proceeding towards Yezd, but the Object of his future Operations is as yet unknown — the latter continues still near Isfahaun.

Mr. Manesty the Hble Company's Resident at Bussora, having written Mr. Galley on the Subject of the Capture of Bussora by Shaikh Twiney of the Montifick Arabs, inclosed We do Ourselves the Pleasure to send You Copy of his Letter, together with Copies of sundry other Letters to and from Bussora, from the 23 May to the 30th June, and to which We beg leave to refer Your Honor &ca. for the Particulars of that Event.

Monsieur Quillon, a French Gentleman, arrived here from Europe on the 3rd August. He came by the Route of Bagdat, Isfahaun & Sheraz and departed for Muscat and India the 5th following in a Dow. The very short



[illegible] Mons.r Quillon remained at this Place, would not permit of our learning the Purport of his Commission, but Mr. Galley obtained Information by a private Letter from Mr. Jones at Shiraz, that He is going to India with the Appointment of Governor of Chandernagore. Mons.r Quillon had only one Attendant with Him an European.

We remain, with great Respect,
Honorable Sir & Sirs.
Your Obt. Humble Servants.

Bushire N.o 149
24th September 1787

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esq.r
President & Governor &ca. Council
of Bombay.
Commercial Department.

Honorable Sir & Sirs.

Your Honor &ca. last Commands by the Panther of the 28th. April were duly received, on the 27th June following, with the Consignment of Woollens as p Invoice inclosed therein. We are concerned to observe to your Honor &ca. that no offers have as yet been made to purchase any of the Woollens in Warehouse.

Mr. Galley in his last Reports of the 9th May p Scorpion, informed your Honor &ca. that He was endeavoring to procure every possible Information on the Subject of Carmenia Wool, and that a Persian Merchant had promised to write to his Correspondents in Carmenia, desiring their Opinion as to the Quantity they could annually send and on what Terms, but to this time no Answer has been received from Carmenia; in the mean time, should any Wool offer at this Place We shall not fail to purchase it on the most reasonable Terms.

Inclosed We have the Pleasure to send You Quick and Dead Stocks from the 1st. February to the 30th April, and from the 1st. May to the 31st. July; Account Receipts and Disbursements from the 1st. May 1786 to the 30th. April 1787; Estimate of the probable Receipts and Disbursements between the 30th. April 1787 and 1st. May 1788; Account Supplies received from the Presidency from the 1st. February to the 30th. April, and from the 1st. May to the 31st. July, and the Monthly Accounts of the Settlement, from the 1st. May to the 31st. August.

We have likewise the Pleasure to send You inclosed in a separate Packet, a Set of the Books of this Settlement from the 1st. May 1786 to the 30th April 1787. It will appear to your Honor &ca. that the Honble Company's Net Loss at this Settlement during the Period in question amounted to Rupees 1941..3..16, and the Amount of Charges General to Rupees 12342..3..02 or a Decrease of Rupees 6901..4..04 on the former, and an Increase of Rupees 855..4..03 on the latter, when compared with the Books ending the 30th April 1786 — The Decrease on the Net Loss arises from a Gain on Woollens Sold in last Year, and to Difference of Exchange on Woollens imported p Bombay Grab in 1785 brought on Books ending the 30th. April 1786 at five Mamoodees the Rupee, but which previous to the Sale of any of the said Woollens rose to six Mamoodies. The Increase in the Amount of Charges General is owing to two Years Rent of the Factory to the 30th. April last, being paid in last Year.

Mr. Galley again begs leave to express his Concern that the severe Indisposition He labored under previous to the Departure of the Scorpion in May last, prevented his forwarding the Books and Quarterly Accounts to the 30th. April last by that Vessel, and which as abovementioned are now forwarded.

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The Begler, Captain Nantwelle, arrived from Bussora the 8th July, and proceeded to Bengal the 14th following. The Dadaloy arrived from Bussora the 27th of that Month, and sailed for Bengal the 31st. also the Beglerbeg imported from Bussora the 19th Ultimo and sailed for Bengal the 25th the two latter Vessels are commanded by Captains Geddis and Scott.

The Hon^ble Company's Debt to Mr. Edward Galley under the 31st. Ultimo, amounted to eleven Thousand four Hundred & twelve Rupees, and three Mamoodies, Principal.

We remain with great Respect,
Honorable Sir & Sirs
Your Obt. Humble Servants

Bushire No. 150
21st. September 1787.

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council
of Bombay

Publick Department.

Honorable Sir & Sirs.

Mr. Galley did Himself the Honor of addressing You last on the 9th May ꝑ Scorpion, since when your Commands by the Panther and Scorpion have been duly received, by the former on the 27th June, and the latter on the 1st. Instant. The Scorpion proceeded to Bussora on the 3rd and the Panther returned from thence the 15th Instant at night.

Mr. Charles Watkins agreeably to your Honor &ca. Appointment, having arrived here on the Panther, Mr. Galley delivered over Charge of this Residency to Him the 30th June. Mr. Galley is highly sensible of your Indulgence in relieving Him and now returns to the Presidency on the Panther, having received his Salary and Diet Money to the 30th June, but no Passage Money.

Mr. Watkins begs leave to assure your Hon^ble Board it shall be his constant Study to deserve the Honor You have conferred on Him by the Appointment of Resident at this Place.

Agreeable to your Honor &ca. Orders ꝑ Scorpion respecting the procuring of Plants &ca. for a botanical Garden established at Bengal, We addressed Mr. Manesty on the Subject, requesting He would acquaint Us with the Particulars of your Orders to Him; and We beg leave to assure You, We shall do every thing that lays in our Power to effect what You require.

We remain, with great Respect,
Honorable Sir & Sirs
Your Obt. Hble Servants,

Bushire No. 151.
25th. September 1787.

To
The Honorable Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President, Governor, & Commander in Chief &ca. Council
of Bombay

Military Department.

Honorable Sir & Sirs.

This is purposely to acquaint You that a Naigue and three Sepoys belonging to the Factory Guard now return to the Presidency on the Panther, in Lieu of whom, the same Number have been taken from that Vessels Detachment – they have received their half Pay here to the 31st. Ultimo.

We remain with great Respect,
Honorable Sir & Sirs.
Your Obedt. Humble Servants,

Bushire No. 152.
25th. Sept. 1787.



رسالة رقم ١٥٣ إلى الملازم أول توماس بانكومب، قائد السفينة بانثرسنو، من تشارلز واتكنز في بوشهر [‎١٦٩] (١/١)

To
Lieutenant Thomas Buncombe
In Command of the Panther Snow.

Sir

Having received on board Mr. Edward Galley with his Servants Necessaries &c. You are to afford Him suitable Accommodations in his Passage to Bombay, (Wind and Weather permitting) You are hereby directed to weigh Anchor, and make the best of your Way to Bombay, where on your Arrival, You will deliver the accompanying Packets to the Hon.ble the President & Council, and follow their Orders for your future Proceedings. We wish You a pleasant & speedy Passage and are

Sir Your very Obed.t Hble Servants,

Bushire
21st. Sept. 1787. N.° 153

To
Lieutenant Thomas Buncombe
In Command of the Panther Snow.

Sir

We received last Night your Letter of Yesterday's Date, and beg leave to inform You that the several Articles sent on board the Panther, from this Place marked E.G. are Mr. Galley's Necessaries only, and that He does not mean to take a single Servant with Him more than He shall deem necessary.

A Pilot to carry your Vessel out of the inner Road goes off with Mr. Galley and We remain

Sir Your very Obedient Servants.

Bushire
22nd. Sept. 1787. N.° 154.

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